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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

Congressman Blackburn, of North Carolina, and Miss Parker, of Washington, D. C., were married yesterday. —— Negro charged with murdering a white man is reported to have been lynched near Marbury, Ala.—— President Castro has clothed Minister Bowen with power to effect a settlement with the allied powers. —— The condition of Cornelius Vanderbilt last night was reported as critical. —— General Nord has taken possession of the palace at Port-au-Prince as president of Hayti. —— The allies have sent no answer yet to Venezuela's arbitration proposition. —— All of Venezuela's warships, with the exception of the Mirands, have now been seized. —— The British parliament was prorogued yesterday. —— R. C. Whayne, a Louisville business man, was found dead with a gunshot wound in his breast; he had insurance on his life for $340,000. —— —— New York markets: Money on call steady at 4½@5½ per cent; cotton quiet at 8.65c; flour unsettled and a little in buyers' favor; wheat—spot easier, No. 2 red 82½c; corn—spot easy, No. 2 63c; oats—spot quiet, No. 2 37½c; rosin firm, strained common to good $1 85; spirits turpentine steady.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 18

Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 37 degrees; 8 P. M., 50 degrees: maximum, 61 degrees; minimum, 36 degrees; mean, 43 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since 1st of month to date, 2 37.

Stage of water in the Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, N. C., at 8 A. M. Wednesday 9.3 feet.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—For North Carolina: Fair Friday and Saturday, light west winds becoming variable.

Port Almanac—December 19.

Sun Rises	7.06 A. M.
Sun Sets	4.48 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H. 42 M.
High Water at Southport	11.11 A. M.
High Water Wilmington	1.41 P. M.

It is said that the Mexican weevil got among Texas cotton enough to make 450,000 bales.

The Virginia woman who got a divorce and paid the bill by marrying the lawyer who did the work was a pretty good manager.

There is some pretty costly dirt in New York. A lot sold there a few days ago for $2,215,277, at the rate of $198 a square foot.

We had about forgotten all about Pat Crowe, who flew away with that Omaha Cudahy kid (who was recovered) when the report came that he had turned up in South Africa.

It is said that Uncle Paul Kruger has become despondent and very unhappy. That ultimatum cost the old man something and he is paying the cost in the disappointed ending of a long career.

An Oskosh, Wis, man has just been fined $500 for the larceny of three kisses, $166.66⅔ a piece. Another proof that honesty is the best policy. He might have bought 'em a good deal cheaper than that.

The farmers of this State have been turning out some pretty big hefty turnips this year, but South Carolina comes to the front with one which weighed 20½ pounds, without top, the day it was dug.

President Baer is very indignant at the idea of outsiders talking about interfering with them, and reminds them that Pennsylvania is a sovereign State protected by her own constitution and the constitution of the United States. And that same Baer with other coal barons were seeking the backing of U. S. soldiers during the strike, regardless of Pennsylvanians wishes, or Pennsylvania's laws.

People who have been suffering with chills, &c., down in this country which they charged to malaria, may be relieved by learning that it isn't malaria or chills at all, but only ucinariasis that is the matter, caused by a "hook worm" which takes up its quarters in them. That's what professor Siles the U. S. Department zoologist says it is, and being a zoologist he ought to know.

They sometimes build towns rapidly in the wild West, but the record breaker is Eagle City, in Oklahoma, which one night a week or so ago occupied a site which in the morning of that day was a houseless, open prairie. It had a hotel, several restaurants, seven saloons, twenty stores, six gambling houses, a bank, a daily paper, and a population of 2,000 hustlers. They had also named the streets, elected a mayor, and to be fully prepared for emergencies selected a site for a cemetery.

MARRIED IN NEW YORK CITY.

Mrs. Anabelle Latimer, of Wilmington, Wedded to Col. Cotton, of Arizona, at Waldorf-Astoria.

Many friends in this city will be interested in the announcement that on yesterday at noon Mrs. Anabelle Latimer, of Wilmington, and Col. William James Cotton, of Arizona, were married in the state rooms of the Waldorf-Astoria, New York city, the Rev. Wm. Brown Lusk, of Saranac, N. Y., officiating.

The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. Huske, of Winston-Salem, N. C., and the best man was Arthur Audley Brownlee. Among the guests were the Misses Latimer, daughters of the bride, and John and Garrett Cotton, sons of the groom. Mr. and Mrs. Pembroke Jones, Geo. E. Morris, Miss Elizabeth Morris, Burt Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. B. Ware and Miss Savage, of New York; Col. and Mrs. J. S. Ogilvie, of Quebec; Henry Walters, of Baltimore, Md.; St. John Robinson, of England; Marshall Prevost, of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. A. R. Campbell, of Winston-Salem, N. C.

The bride is well known in Wilmington and is much loved and admired for her charms of personality and beauty. She is the widow of the late Col. Edward S. Latimer and a daughter of the late Maj. Benjamin R. Huske, of Hillsboro.

Col. Cotton, the groom, is very wealthy and until recently was a resident of San Francisco.

It is understood that Col. and Mrs. Cotton will make their home in the North.

LOCAL DOTS.

— The total number of registrations in New Hanover county under the grandfather clause is 1,859.

— A boy who is experienced in feeding job presses may secure employment by immediate application at the STAR office.

— An attractive calendar is being sent to the trade by the Wilmington Iron Works, Mr. E. P. Bailey proprietor. The STAR returns thanks for one of them.

— Cape Fear Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, will hold its regular monthly meeting in the W. L. I. armory this afternoon at 4 o'clock. A large attendance is desired.

— Miss Lillie Gilchrist entertained a number of friends from 6 to 8 o'clock last evening at her home, No. 708 Market street, in honor of her guest, Miss Moore, of Indiana.

—The steamer *Wilmington* will make a special trip from Southport to Wilmington on Xmas eve, leaving Southport at 8 A. M. and leaving Wilmington for the return at 2 P. M.

— Mr. W. L. Miller, manager of the Acme Tea Chest Co., is completing a substantial derrick scow at his wharf across the river, next north of the Brunswick Bridge and Ferry landing.

— The tug boat *LaChiquita* has been sold by J. L. Russ to Peter Simpson. All claims against the boat should be presented to Robert G. Grady, Esq., within the next thirty days.

— A colored man residing in the vicinity of Tenth and Nixon streets was found dead in bed yesterday morning. The coroner viewed the body and turned it over to relatives for burial.

— A handsome marble bronze bust and marble pedestal are on display in a show window of The A. David Co. They will be disposed of for the benefit of the organ fund of the Temple of Israel.

— Messrs. Geo. R. French & Son, the enterprising shoe dealers, have the thanks of the STAR for an exceedingly pretty calendar for the new year. It is a real work of art, and one of the prettiest issued by a Wilmington firm this season.

— The Christmas holiday rates begin on all the railroads next Monday, and a large traffic is expected. The tickets will be good for two weeks. Holiday freight is already heavy, with great increase expected before the end of the week.

— One of the prettiest art calendars seen this season is one being sent out by Messrs. Levi McMillan & Co., the popular shoe dealers at Fourth and Campbell streets. The STAR office was favored with one of them yesterday, for which thanks are returned to the enterprising proprietors of the store.

— By deed filed for record yesterday Jno. H. Gore, Jr., Esq., and wife transferred to Thos. R. Mask and Jno. E. Taylor for $160, two tracts of land—the first on west side of Tenth, between Dawson and Wright streets, 55x330 feet in size, and the second on east side of Tenth, between Dawson and Wright streets, 33x165 feet in size.

Supply Steamer in Port.

The government steamer *America* was in port yesterday for a few hours. She is on her way down the coast supplying the various light ships and light houses with oil, etc.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

F. H Krahnke—Something else.
Hanover Lodge, I. O. O F.—Notice.
Coal, Cement & Supply Co.—Davis' paint.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

R. G. Grady—Notice.
Mrs. H. Rehder—Christmas trees.
Cape Fear Camp, U. C. V.—Meeting.
Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Co.—Gas heaters.

BANKERS ARE COMING

State Association Will Meet in Wilmington During the Month of July.

THE INVITATIONS ACCEPTED.

Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee Met Yesterday and Urged Representative at Greensboro to Secure the Convention.

A special to the STAR last night from Raleigh says that the Executive Committee in session yesterday at Greensboro decided upon Wilmington as the next place for the annual convention of the State Bankers' Association and July as the month during which it will be held. The exact date of the meeting will be announced by the Executive Committee later.

The announcement of the coming of the bankers will be received with much interest in commercial circles here. Mr. Andrew Moreland, cashier of the Atlantic National Bank, this city, and a member of the Executive Committee of the Association, carried with him to Greensboro a cordial invitation from the five enterprising banks of Wilmington, and yesterday that invitation was reinforced by one from the Chamber of Commerce. A special meeting of the executive council of the Chamber was held yesterday at 12:15 P. M. President James H. Chadbourn, Secretary Kyle, Messrs. H. W. Malloy, S. P. McNair, I. M. Bear and L. B. Rogers were present at the meeting and the following telegram was sent to Mr. Moreland at Greensboro:

"WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 18.

"*Mr. Andrew Moreland, Greensboro, N. C.*:

"The Wilmington Chamber of Commerce extends to Bankers' Association a most cordial invitation to hold their next convention in our city. Request you to urge our invitation.

"JAMES H. CHADBOURN,
"President."

That the invitation was accepted is a source of pride to Wilmington, which will do all in its power to give the visitors a good time and a cordial welcome when they come.

TELEPHONE FOR SHIPPING REPORTS.

Chamber of Commerce Will Use Southport Line for Its Marine News

Beginning on Jan. 1st the Chamber of Commerce will use the telephone line to Southport for its shipping reports instead of the wires of The Wilmington and Southport Telegraph Co. in connection with the Postal Telegraph Cable Co., as before. The change was made not because of the inefficiency of the present service or its adaptability in every respect, but to encourage the new enterprise and to effect a saving to the Chamber in tolls.

The decision to make the change was reached at a meeting of the Chamber Committee on Harbor, Shipping and Commerce, held yesterday at noon. Messrs. W. E. Worth (chairman), H. W. Malloy, B. F. Hall, Jno. H. Brown, T. D. Meares and S. F. Craig were the members in attendance. The reports by telephone will come direct from the office of the Wilmington Towing and Transportation Co. at Southport, which is the chief shipping centre there. Toll books, good for 200 messages of three minutes each, will be sold to the Chamber for $25 or 12½ cents each. Several of these books will be used during the year.

Dr. Galloway Has Returned.

Dr. W. C. Galloway, Wilmington's well known eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, returned yesterday from New York where he spent the past two weeks at the New York Opthalmic and Aural Institute, in charge of that eminent German specialist Dr. Herman Knapp. Dr. Galloway while in New York received a certificate of special instruction under the famous scientist in clinical opthalmology, atology and rhumology. He learned all that was new and scientific in his profession and returns to his practice in Wilmington much encouraged.

Fire Protection at Caswell.

Quantities of stone and other material to be used in the construction of a system of reservoirs at Fort Caswell for fire protection, are being taken down the river daily. Messrs Shreve & Co. of Baltimore, are contractors for building the reservoirs, which will be located at different points on the grounds and so connected that all the water contained in them can be turned into any one of them in the case of a fire in close proximity. Hand pumps will be used in throwing the water from the reservoirs.

Veterans Meet To-Night.

A special meeting of Cape Fear Camp No., 354, U. C. V., will be held this evening at 8 o'clock. Arrangements will be made for a proper celebration of General Lee's birthday and appropriate action will be taken in regard to the death of General Moorman, which was chronicled in the Associated Press dispatches this week. A full attendance is desired.

Another Fruit Vessel.

The British schooner *Lady Shea*, 151 tons, Capt. Munro, arrived in port yesterday from Governor's Harbor, British West Indies. The *Lady Shea* is consigned to Messrs. George Harriss, Son & Co. and brings a part cargo of 10,000 oranges. When she has discharged she will take a cargo of lumber for the return trip.

BANK OF MULLINS ROBBED.

Professional Cracksmen Looted Safe and Secured $5,600—Loss Covered by Burglar Insurance—Bloodhounds.

The Bank of Mullins, at Mullins, S. C., about 90 miles from Wilmington on the W. C. & A. railroad, was broken open yesterday morning between 2 o'clock and day-break, the vault and safe in the building were dynamited and about $5,600 in cash was stolen. All external evidence goes to prove that the work was that of professional cracksmen. A back door of the bank building was broken open with tools from a nearby blacksmith shop which was raided, and once inside, the professionals found it easy work to blow open the vault door and dynamite the safe on the inside. Valuable papers and some small change were found strewn over the floor when the robbery was discovered upon the opening of the bank yesterday morning.

A bloodhound was secured from Boardman, N. C., and he trailed the criminals a short distance, but the track was old and no headway was made.

Mullins is the leading tobacco market in South Carolina and usually the bank carries a large amount of money, but fortunately, on Wednesday, the checks for tobacco were very heavy and little was left on hand. The amount stolen is fully protected by policy of burglar insurance for $10,000. The bank is one of the best little institutions in this section. It has a paid-in capital stock of $30,000, some of which is owned by Wilmington parties. The president of the bank is Mr. P. S. Cooper, a brother of Mr. W. B. Cooper, of this city, and the cashier is Mr. F. C Rogers, a brother of Mr. L. B. Rogers, secretary and treasurer of the D. L. Gore Company, of Wilmington. The bank will resume business to-day and the stockholders and depositors will not lose a cent.

There is no clue to the burglars. About midnight before the robbery, two men drove around the town in a buggy in a feigned attempt to find the night watchman at the railroad station from whom they said they desired to get some baggage. There is no watchman in the town as they ascertained from several whom they hailed during the night, and with this assurance they went to work without fear of interruption.

LIQUOR TRAFFIC IN STATE.

Nearly Five Hundred Saloons in North Carolina - 46 Prohibition Counties.

Apropose the granting last night by the Board of Aldermen of liquor licenses for the ensuing six months, the following statement of the number of saloons in counties in the State where liquor is sold will be read with interest:

Anson, 5; Beaufort, 9; Bertie, 11; Brunswick, 2; Buncombe, 16; Camden, 3; Carteret, 2; Caswell, 2; Catawba, 3; Chowan, 8; Craven, 14; Dare, 1; Durham, 21; Edgecombe, 15; Forsyth, 9; Graham, 1; Granville, 4; Greene, 3; Guilford, 10; Halifax, 25; Johnson, 6; Lenoir, 13; McDowell, 2; Madison, 1; Martin, 24; Mecklenburg, 16; Nash, 13; New Hanover, 58; Onslow, 7; Orange, 3; Pasquotank, 10; Person, 3; Pitt, 25; Richmond, 9; Rockingham, 11; Rowan, 10; Stokes, 1; Vance, 7; Wake, 27; Washington, 11; Wayne, 17; Wilson, 24; Iredell, 3. Total 483.

Prohibition counties in the State are as follows: Alamance, Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Bladen, Burke, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Chatham, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Columbus, Cumberland, Currituck, Davidson, Davie, Duplin, Gaston, Gates, Harnett, Henderson, Hyde, Jackson, Jones, Lincoln, Mitchell, Montgomery, Moore, Pamlico, Pender, Perquimans, Polk, Randolph, Robeson, Scotland, Stanley, Surry, Swain, Transylvania, Tyrell, Watauga, Wilkes, Yadkin, Yancey. Total counties 46.

Ten counties have dispensaries, viz: Edgecombe, Franklin, Haywood, Hertford, Johnston, Macon, Northampton, Rutherford, Union and Warren. Union will become a prohibition county on Jan. 1st. Johnston county has four dispensaries.

Traffic Committee to Meet.

Chairman J. A. Taylor, of the Chamber of Commerce Committee on Transportation and Traffic, has called a special meeting of that body to be held this afternoon at 12:30 o'clock in the rooms of the Chamber on Princess street for the consideration of important matters. The committee is composed of Mr. J. A. Taylor, Mr. C. W. Worth and Mr. R. A. Parsley.

The Tobacco Warehouse Co.

Responses are being rapidly made to the recent call for 25 per cent. of the $15,000 capital stock of the Wilmington Tobacco Warehouse Company. President W. E. Worth, of the company, has called a special meeting of the Board of Directors to be held in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce at 11 o'clock this morning. A full attendance is urged.

Bishop Sends for a Doctor.

Charlotte *Observer* 18th: "At noon yesterday, Bishop, the slayer of Thomas J. Wilson, sent for Dr. McLaughlin to visit him in his cell at the jail. A rumor was current that Bishop was ill, but this proved untrue. He simply wanted the doctor to examine his head for a scar. Dr. McLaughlin, it is said, found a scar on Bishop's head. It was over the left temple, and was about the same kind of a wound that was described in yesterday's *Observer*.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Important Special Meeting of the City Council Was Held Last Evening.

TO BRIDGE WATER STREET.

That Privilege Granted to D. L. Gore Company Upon Certain Conditions—Applications for Liquor License Granted—One Denied.

Every member was in attendance last night upon the special meeting of the Board of Aldermen, called for the purpose of passing upon liquor licenses for the six months beginning January 1st and considering the application of the D. L. Gore Company for the privilege of running an iron bridge across Water street, connecting their store on the west side with their new warehouse being erected on the east side of the thoroughfare.

The last named proposition was first taken up. Marsden Bellamy, Esq., counsel for the petitioners, was present and asked to be heard on the subject. He said that the application for the privilege was made to the Board some time ago and was referred jointly to the Streets and Wharves Committee and the Fire Commission, consisting of the Mayor and the chiefs of the fire and police departments. For some reason no action had been taken by the joint committee and as his clients were anxious to begin the construction of the bridge, he would ask as prompt a reply to the petition as was possible.

A discussion then arose which was generally participated in, the Board at length granting the privilege under conditions that the bridge clear the surface of the street by 21 feet. The vote upon the question was 7 to 3, Messrs. Sweeney, Spencer and VonGlahn voting in the negative.

Chairman Johnson, of the Streets and Wharves Committee, said that he would recommend that the privilege be granted, provided it would be 21 feet "in the clear," which was the standard railroad measurement, and, provided further, that the Fire Commission would enter no objection.

Mayor Waddell then held a short informal conference with Chief of Police Furlong and Chief Schnibben, of the Fire Department, and announced that the Fire Commission would recommend the granting of the privilege as asked for by the Gore Company. Mr. Johnson then said his committee would make the recommendation that the privilege be granted with the 21 feet clearance of the street level.

Mr. Marsden Bellamy again addressed the Board in behalf of his client who he said was the largest tax-payer in the county and asked a favor that he, to his own personal knowledge, had been granted on narrow streets in Petersburg, Richmond and New Orleans; that the Gore Co. proposed to build the bridge 17 feet and one inch above the street level and that the 21 feet proposition would work a hardship upon the petitioner; that the "dummy road" of the Atlantic Coast Line hauled only freight cars and the average heigth of them was 13 feet 9½ inches; that the "dummy line" had no more rights and privileges than a citizen.

At the request of Mr. Sweeney, City Attorney Bellamy gave his opinion, which was to the effect that according to a strict interpretation of the law an injunction against the city might be sustained, to prevent the construction of the bridge, but that in ninety cases out of a hundred that proceeding would not be resorted to by any property owner, who could alone bring the suit; that in case of an accident the D. L. Gore Company would primarily be liable and the City of Wilmington secondarily, or in other words, the person suing could elect between the two, which he would make defendant.

Mr. Murrell, who is experienced in such matters, said that the maximum heigth of a freight car was 14½ feet. Then there followed a discussion as to the rights of the owners of the "dummy railroad line" over which it is proposed to construct the bridge. Mr. Hashagen at length moved and it was seconded by Mr. Murrell, that the privilege be granted to the D. L. Gore Company provided that it is 21 feet from the lowest beam of the bridge to the street surface. The same was carried by the vote given above.

Mr. Marsden Bellamy then asked if some one would move to reconsider and allow the bridge to be built on the 17 feet measurement, provided the Gore Company would agree to indemnify the city against possible damage suits. No one made the motion and the Board passed on to other business.

Capt. Edgar D. Williams appeared before the Board and was granted correction of a tax assessment on the Diamond Steamboat & Wrecking Co., making it $3,000, as sent down by the Secretary of State. A correction was also made in tax assessment against R. A. Jarrell.

Mr. Sweeney, in behalf of the Elks, asked use of the City Hall, upstairs, for the Christmas tree and dinner to the children on Friday after Christmas. Mr. Tiencken moved that same be granted and it was done unanimously. Mr. Cooper asked and also received unanimous consent for Grace M. E. Sunday School to use the hall one evening during the holidays before Jan. 1st.

The contract was awarded to Maj. W. F. Robertson for moving the fire hydrant from between the tracks of the Seaboard Air Line its on yards in this city. Maj. Robertson was the only bidder and received the contract at $255.

The batch of applications for liquor licenses were then read and granted, as will be found below. The number this year is 58 retail dealers, one wholesale dealer and two bottling establishments. After the applications had been passed upon, Mr. Cooper called attention to the fact that two-thirds of the endorsements upon the applications were by persons whose names do not appear as freeholders on the city tax books. Aldermen Sweeney and Mann suggested that some of them might be freeholders in owning a cemetery lot or property in the country.

Just before adjournment Mr. Sweeney humorously asked Chairman Johnson if he was not going to have something done to Grace street for him as a Christmas present. He said his constituents would be after his official scalp if something was not done in a hurry. Mr. Johnson said he would do the best he could, and on the eve of adjournment asked for an appropriation of $500 for a return tubular boiler for the rock quarry. He would like to have it, he said, if there was no objection by any member of the Board. Mr. Bailey objected.

The liquor licenses granted are as follows:

J. H. Aman, in place of S. W. Aman, No. 5 Market.
B. H. J. Ahrens, 620 Market.
George Haar, in place of Haar Bros., Seventh and Chesnut.
H. J. Bennett, No. 1 Market.
Steljes & Co., in place of J. D. Steljes, Tenth and Market.
E. W. Pace & Co., in place of F. W. Kerchner, No. 114 Forth Front.
M. H. Kelly, in place of F. K. J. Fuchs, No. 202 Princess.
E. A. Todd, in place of J. D. Southerland, Seventh and Castle.
Casse & Schuler, in place of Paul Casse, No. 22 Market.
Geo. R. Bate, agent, in place of Raiford & Smith, No. 134 Market.
J. S. Westbrook, in place of J. A. Westbrook & Co., southeast corner of Fourth and Bladen.
Capps & Co, Sixth and Castle.
J. H. Brunjes, 925 North Fourth.
Jno. C. Boesch, 21 South Front.
B. Bellois, 126 Market.
W. C. Boesche, 801 N. Fourth.
D. N. Chadwick, 15 Market.
M. F. Croom & Co., 103 N. Water.
J. L. Croom, agt. Grace and Water.
J. P. Chapman, 201 Brunswick.
D. L. T. Capps, 119 South Front.
J. D. Dennis & Co., 4 Taylor.
J. W. Duls, 114 South Front.
H. T. Duls, Chesnut and MacRae.
J. W. H. Fuchs, 136 S. Front.
Gieschen Bros., 418 N. Front.
J. E. Ennett, 13th and Market.
T. J Gore, 22 S. Water.
C. D. Gore, 819 Orange.
H. F. Haar, 108 S. Front.
Jurgen Haar, 401 N. Front.
Geo. H. Heyer, 802 N. Fourth.
W. Van Hardin, 119 Princess.
Jno. H. Kuck, 6 N. Water.
J. G. Kuhlken, 6th and Swann.
G. W. Linder & Co., 32 S Front.
F. P. Lamb, 522 MacRae.
W. H. Lamb, 26 N. Water.
Jno. M. Meyland, 17 Princess.
C P. B. Mahler, 501 N. Fourth.
M. O'Brien, 424 Nutt.
F. W. Oatman, 17 N. Second.
Jno. H Woebse, 4th and Nixon.
J. H. Woebse & Bro., 8th and Nixon.
W. A. Vollers, 28 S. Front.
J. S Sneeden, 115 S. Front.
E. P. H Strunck, 501 S. Fourth.
Sternberger Bros., 213 N. Front
M. Schnibben, 502 Red Cross.
Geo. Schnibben, 1120 N. Seventh.
I. B. Rhodes, 123 Princess.
Chas. Richters, 1022 N. Fourth.
N. B. Rankin, 110 N. Front.
R. W. Wallace, Orton Hotel.
L. Southerland, 8th and Castle.
R. G. Litgen, 106 S. Front.
Sol. Bear & Co., wholesale, 20 Market.
Home Brewing Co., malt, 114 N. Water.
Robert Portner Brewing Co., malt, 8th and Brunswick.

The following were granted upon condition that December tax be paid: F. B. Brown, Ninth and Bladen, and E. A. Kerr, Fourth and Harnett.

The application of J. A. Westbrook, No. 818 North Fourth, was denied, a petition against granting same having been received from sundry citizens in the community.

Chapel of the Good Shepherd.

Rev. Jno. B. Cannon, of Nashville, Tenn., has arrived in the city and is looking over the field with a view of accepting a call to the rectorship of the Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Sixth and Queen streets. He is a young man of splendid attainments, a college mate at Suwanee University of Rev. Richard W. Hogue, rector of Saint James', and a graduate of the theological department of that well known institution. It is hoped and believed that Rev. Mr. Cannon will accept the work in the field which he is now looking over.

Died at Faison.

Rev. Edward Wootten went up to Faison yesterday morning to conduct the funeral services in the afternoon over the remains of Mrs. Elizabeth A. Faison, one of the oldest and most highly esteemed residents of that section. Mrs. Faison died Wednesday, and leaves a large family to mourn their loss. She was in the 85th year of her age.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. L. Gay left for Norfolk yesterday to spend several months.

— Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Latta left yesterday for Chattanooga, their future home.

— Col. Warren G. Elliott, president of the Atlantic Coast Line of Connecticut, left last night, returning to Baltimore.

—The numerous friends of Mr. R. L. Prempert will be glad to know that he is able to be "up and about" again after his recent illness.

— Mr. and Mrs. Pembroke Jones are expected the latter part of this week to welcome to "Airlie" a Christmas house party from the North, which will arrive later.

— North Carolina's enterprising and thoroughly efficient Insurance Commissioner, Mr. James R. Young, of Raleigh, arrived in the city last evening and is a guest The Orton.

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THE COUNTY'S PENSIONERS.

Warrants Received Yesterday From State Auditor—New Hanover's Share Not Large and Applicants Numerous

Warrants for New Hanover county pensioners were received from the State Auditor at the office of the Register of Deeds yesterday and many of those entitled to them called during the day and received them. This year 69 persons in the county receive $1,166, New Hanover's share of the $200,000 appropriated by the Legislature for this purpose. These are divided as follows: Two of the 2nd class, $46 each; five of the 3rd class, $35; thirty-four of the 4th class, $14.50, and twenty-eight widows, all of the 4th class, also at $14.50. There are none of the first class in the county, who receive $60 per year. Owing to an increase of 3,425 in the number of pensioners in the State, the amount to each of the classes is much smaller than last year, when the amounts for the four classes were $62, $50, $40 and $20, respectively.

The names of pensioners, their classes and reasons for which pensions were granted in New Hanover county are as follows:

Second Class—M. T. Davis and James E. Kelly, each of whom have an arm off above elbow.

Third Class—John A. Farrow, wounds; J. W. Gray, disease; Peter H. Smith, Wm. M. Stevenson and B. O. Watson, each of whom have a leg off below the knee.

Fourth Class—Wm. J. Brown, Robert Chadwick, J. J. Canady, Charles D. English, James B. Farrar, S. S. Garrison, Jacob W. Garrison, James M. King, J. T. McIver, Henry W. Rodgers, Thos. J. Ramsey, W. W. Rivenbark, Rufus Register, Robt. J. Sykes, W. W. Skinner, Rufus G. Strickland, Jno. J. Turner, Louis Taylor, Wm. L. Wilkins, W. H. Williams, each of whom has wounds; Elias Bass, Aaron R. Davis, S. B. Hawkins, Daniel C. Kelley, D. C. Littleton, J. G. Rockley, J. F. A. Reaves, Samuel J. Sneeden, disease; Jno. W. Crandel, John Harts, Samuel Rowan, old age; Doctor L. Britt, paralysis; W. H. Darden, general debility; James H. Hicks, almost blind.

The widows are all of the Fourth class and receive $14.50 per year. They are widows of the following: William Aldrick, Jno. W. Blackwell, Geo. W. Brantley, John Owen Bowden, Geo. Bland, Elisha C. Davis, Robert Davidson, Jas. L. Hodgeson, C. McD. Humphrey, William A. Hewett, John W. Holmes, Chas. L. Cowles, Luke R. Carteret, William D. Kerr, L. E. Manning, Carnelius Mathyus, D. J. Matthews, D. McR. O'Hanlon, Lawrence M. Puier, Jno. M. Potter, Thos. James Russ, Matthew Stephens, Abram Williamson, each of whom died as the result of disease suffered in the army; Joel Carroll, who died in prison; M. H. Deans, Major W. Gore, Jno. F. Herring and Buckner Jones, who died in the service.

MARRIED.

LATIMER—COTTON—MRS. ANABELLE LATIMER, of Wilmington, N. C., to Col. WM. JAMES COTTON, of Arizona, by the Rev. Wm. Brown Lusk of Saranac, N. Y., at noon on December 18th, in the state rooms at the Waldorf Astoria.

FUNERAL NOTICE.

The funeral of the late MRS. ELIZABETH HOWARD will be held this (Friday) afternoon at 3 o'clock, from St. Stephen's A. M. E. Zion Church. Friends and acquaintances invited to attend.

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dec 18 3t STAR OFFICE.

Members Hanover Lodge 145, I. O. O. F.

Are urgently requested to attend meeting Friday night, December 19th, as a matter of special interest and importance will be acted on.

N. F. PARKER, N. G.
S. G. HALL, Recording Secretary.
(Dispatch copy.) dec 19 1t

The Morning Star.

WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 19.

HOW LAW EXPOUNDERS DIFFER

Yesterday we quoted from the address of Judge Grosscup on Trusts, delivered before the students of the University of Nebraska, an extract on the evils of trusts. To some extent he sees in the Trusts offsets to the evils which more than counterbalance the evils, but at the same time he recognizes the necessity of regulating them, to bring them within the law, and in harmony with it. The effort to legislate them out of existence by State and Federal statutes he regards as a failure, as a useless contention against the inevitable, and the logical development of the progress of the age which seeks better and more effective methods of accomplishing results. He is, therefore, opposed to prohibitory legislation, or legislation that proposes to destroy, and would substitute for that legislation which would direct and restrain. Holding this view he believes the so-called Sherman anti-Trust law was a blunder in conception and a failure in execution, which should be wiped from the statutes.

After tracing the origin and progress of Trusts as commonly understood in this country, how they grew and absorbed or destroyed individual enterprises, he illustrates on this point thus:

"One day, early in your own times, there entered the industrial world a new kind of craftsman. Looking about, he saw that the needs of mankind were supplied from mills and factories, great and small, scattered over the land. He measured the wastes of their rivalry and the economies possible under single management. He then did a thing, simple enough in conception, though difficult to execute—he proceeded, without changing them in any other respect, to join these mills and factories, or the greater of them, into single ownerships Not a factory was removed or demolished, not a fire put out nor a sign changed. But the new joinery, though invisible to the eye, was as effective for the purpose in mind as if all the scattered mills had been torn down and then rebuilt on a single site.

The conception thus set on foot presented itself to the financial world in the form of stocks, preferred and common; the former theoretically covering the present value of the property, the latter the expected increase of value to be brought about by the craftman's joinery. The old owners stepped out, except as they retained some portion of the stock of the consolidated companies. The new ownership was financed by syndicates and banks. And thus set in the development that is rapidly taking away from the people at large the ownership of the properties we call the industries of the country.

Other craftsmen came Other workshops, great and small, without an outward sign of change, surrendered their individuality for a place in one of the great industrial families. The secret was out, the fashion set, the noise of the new carpentery was heard in the land, and the day of the so-called trusts had opened.

This was nothing less than industrial revolution, not only in semblance, but in deeper significance. Revolution always excites concern. Where, the inquiry pressed home—where will this all end? Have we come to this, that the few will be masters and the many servants? Where will I be left? Am I to be oppressed—to find still harder conditions added to those already borne as the price of livelihood? Where will it leave the artisan, the merchant, the small manufacturer, my neighbors generally? Is industrial liberty for them gone? Are they henceforth—they and their children—sentenced to hard service with no hope of eventual emancipation?

The answer to these questions was the Act of Congress of July 2nd, 1890, commonly known as the Sherman Anti-trust law. As interpreted by the Supreme Court, that act embodied a public purpose, unwisely formed, I think, to deal with the so called trusts on no basis other than that of extermination—to cut them out root and branch—to sweep the lands with a decree like Herod's, that no child of consolidation should be found to have escaped.

We are now well into the thirteenth year since the passage of the Sherman act. In its means of enforcement, as well as in its purpose, the act was as comprehensive as language could make it. It withheld no power, civil or criminal, that the lawmakers thought would contribute to the complete eradication of the supposed evil. It had been preceded, in Texas, Kansas, Michigan and Maine, by State laws directed to the same end, and was quickly followed by like laws in one-half the other States, including New York, Onio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa and the West generally. Thus, so far as enactments make law, the law, both national and State, has, for a period three time longer than it took to put down the Rebellion, been in battle line against the so-called trusts.

Have these organizations been extinguished? Has the trust idea abated? Let me answer by calling but a partial roll of those organized since the Sherman law went into effect. There is the American Window Glass Company, created in 1895, five years after the Sherman act. There, too, is the Continental Tobacco Company, 1898; the Tin Plate Company, 1898; the Amalgamated Copper Company, 1899; the American Radiator, 1899; the National Salt, 1899; the International Plate Glass, 1900; the International Salt, 1901; the Consolidated Tobacco, 1901; the United States Steel, 1901; the Corn Products, 1901, and many others that come readily to mind. An inspection made for me of a list of 112 of the leading so called trusts of the United States shows that all but thirteen have been created since the passage of the Sherman act.

This judge, who has the reputation of being a man of well balanced brain, versed in the law and capable of analyzing it, pronounces the Sherman law folly in conception and a failure in accomplishing the purpose for which it was intended; but, it might be asked, was the failure in the law or in the lack of execution? The Hon. Marcus A. Hanna boldly declared from the stump as far back as 1896 that the Sherman law was a grand success; that it had driven the last trust out of existence, and therefore there were no longer any trusts in this country, but simply "aggregations of capital" formed for the purpose of working with better and more effective methods.

Still later, after President Roosevelt had announced himself in favor of a constitutional amendment which would enable Congress to deal effectively with the trust question, Attorney General Knox announced in his Pittsburg speech that with the Sherman law and other laws upon the statutes, and other laws that Congress might enact under the powers vested in it by the Constitution there was ample power to deal with the trusts without a constitutional amendment. So we see how the law expounders and makers differ. One pronounces a certain law a failure, and cites instances to prove it; another pronounces it a success; another believes it inadequate to the purposes, while the chief of the Law Department of the Government thinks that with a little supplemental legislation it can accomplish all that may be needed.

And that is just what has been the matter. There has never been agreement between the law expounders and executors as to the scope and powers of trust restraining laws, and there never was any determined effort made by those whose duty it was to execute them, and consequently there never has been any real inforcement of or effort to enforce the Sherman act. The trusts knew how to manage their side of the question, and they did it. They are not afraid of any legislation to seriously hamper them while the party remains in power that fosters them and made there rapid and colossal growth possible.

Calling attention to the large deposits in the banks Judge Grosscup attributes that the fear of the people to put money into trusts managed as they are, and they fear also to invest in individual enterprises which cannot compete with the trusts, but would be crushed by them, he says:

A widespread withdrawal, by the people at large, from general ownership in the properties of the country, cannot but be fraught with the gravest dangers. A few of these are so obvious that I need only indicate them. Such withdrawal will diminish, if not destroy, popular interest in national prosperity; for, from those only who have a stake in prosperity, can we expect great interest. It will kill off competition; for the competitor of the trusts must itself be a trust, and there will be no independent field from which to recruit the means to create such competitor. It will discourage still further the wage earner, in any hope of becoming part owner; and thus deepen and widen the existing gulf between wealth and labor. It will sap to its foundation the real strength of government; for government must be built on the interests, as well as the affections of the people governed. An industrial system subject to such indictment is a rising menace to free government itself.

And then he adds:

The remedy, in general terms, it is not difficult to state. The first thing to do is to abandon the present policy of outlawry and extermination. That policy has failed. It has failed through conditions that cannot be removed by law Replace the old policy by a new, under which industrial corporations, subjected to restraint against artificial prices, will be made, in organization and management, to invite, and worthily invite the confidence and copartnership of all the people of the country.

He follows this with several suggestions, such as requiring publicity, guarding against excessive and fraudulent capitalization and combining to control selling and buying prices, cornering for the purpose of raising prices, &c., all of which had been previously suggested and discussed, more or less, by others. He doubtless means well, but when he comes to formulate a plan to regulate the trusts he seems to be about as much at sea as the average statesman who wants to regulate the trusts without hurting them.

WHICH WILL IT BE?

Matters have reached that stage between Venezuela and the allied bill collectors that the alternative is war or arbitration, with the chances, in our opinion, decidedly in favor of the latter. England and Germany have shown that they are in earnest by the seizure of the few so-called Venezuelan war ships which they found in the harbors down there, and by the destruction of the forts at Cabello, but that was mere pastime, and didn't hurt Venezuela much. What the "peaceful blockade" will amount to if carried out remains to be seen.

President Castro has played a bold, bluff game, with the expectation doubtless of securing the good offices of this Government in effecting a settlement of the dispute, but both parties to the dispute realize that war would be an expensive business, and both are naturally anxious to avoid it, however they may talk for effect.

Debarred by their own agreement from seizing and holding territory the allies are handicapped, while having no ships or other means of protecting her seaport towns Venezuela is handicapped. As far as her alleged army of 40,000 men goes, for all the good they will do she might as well have 40,000 wooden men with toy guns. In case of invasion they could, of course, show fight and burn some powder, but it would be a fight in which they would in the end be the losers, leaving the original dispute just where it was in the beginning. Therefore the sensible thing for all concerned to do is to seek some peaceful way of settlement by some impartial tribunal, which will do justice to all and avoid actual war, which would cost each infinitely more than all the claims now involved, at the same time avoiding involving other nations, of which there is always danger in such disputes when force is resorted to. There has been enough, if not too much, of that already for all practical purposes, and the next and sensible thing to do is to hold up in the snarling and bulldozing and try common sense methods.

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Many a woman is weak and sick, nervous and discouraged. She suffers from headache, backache and other ills. She wants to be well, but all she does is to shut her eyes and open her mouth for medicine and trust to luck for results. She "doctors" month after month, often year after year, in this same blind, hap-hazard fashion, and receives no permanent benefit.

Women take Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription with their eyes open to the fact that it cures womanly ills. It cures irregularity. It dries debilitating drains. It heals inflammation and ulceration and cures female weakness. There is no trusting to luck by those who use "Favorite Prescription."

"My disease was displacement and ulceration of the uterus, and I was in a terrible condition with pain and weakness and had given up all hopes of ever being well again," writes Mrs. Harry A. Brown, of Orono, Penobscot Co., Me. 'Had doctored with four different doctors within four months, and instead of getting better was growing weaker all the time. I decided to try your 'Favorite Prescription,' 'Golden Medical Discovery,' and 'Pleasant Pellets,' as I had heard of the many cures resulting from their use. I bought five bottles and felt so much better after taking them that I kept on until I am as well as ever in my life, and to Dr. Pierce all the praise is due. I cannot say enough in favor of his medicines. Before I began taking your medicines I only weighed one hundred and twenty pounds. I now weigh one hundred and sixty pounds. I gained forty pounds in six months. I shall doctor no more with home doctors, as it is only waste of money. I am now in perfect health, thanks to Dr. Pierce."

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets clear the muddy complexion.

CONSOLIDATING THE SCHOOLS.

Following the example of other States, where it has been successfully tried, there has been a movement in this State for the consolidation of public school districts which is meeting with some success, and will no doubt be continued, as it should be. The following, clipped from the Raleigh *News and Observer*, will be interesting as showing the progress made in this direction and other points in connection with our public schools:

The following table, giving the number of district as reported July 1, 1902, and those reported in December, 1902, shows that there has been a marked decrease, even though eleven counties are estimated at the same figures as those reported in July. The comparison is as follows:

	July, 1902.	December 1902.
White districts	5,653	5,447
Colored districts	2,441	2,385
Croatan districts	21	21
Total	8 115	7,853
	7,853	
Decrease	262	

The State Superintendent makes the following comment on the school districts:

"Last year Macon county reported only 11 districts, considering each township a school district. This year the superintendent reported 59 districts, considering the territory of each school a district. This made an apparent increase of districts when in fact there was not any increase at all.

"In response to blanks sent out in October requesting the number of districts in each county so as to ascertain the extent of consolidations; the reports nave come in from 88 counties, and taking the reports from the other 9 counties as made in July, the figures for December as given above are obtained.

"There are 2,585 white districts having less than 65 children, or 47 per cent.; 987 colored districts having less than 65 children, and 41 Croatan districts or 66 2-3 per cent. having less than 65. The law requires each district to have at least 65 children of school age."

As we are handicapped in the matter of schools by the fact that there are two races, necessitating two schools, where one would suffice if there were but one race, and two teachers, where one would suffice, so are we by the same fact handicapped in the matter of school consolidation; but it is a good movement and should be pursued earnestly and persistently wherever practicable.

The women of Richmond, according to the town papers, generally remove their hats in the theatres, and now one of the smart aldermen is accumulating a lot of bother for himself and the theatre goers, too, by proposing an ordinance making it compulsory. When that man has served longer and knows more than he does now, he will want to kick himself for not letting well enough alone.

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

—Lexington *Dispatch*: Mr. J. H. McCarn, of Fairmont, "killed" four bee gums, getting therefrom one hundred and and fifty one pounds of honey. He also says that of this amount seventy-four pounds was taken from one gum.

Statesville *Landmark*: The Hiddenite Granite Company, of Salisbury, has been chartered with a capital of $100,000. This company will develop certain granite quarries and mineral lands in Alexander county, it having purchased what is known as the Rockyface mountain near Hiddenite.

—Laurinburg *Exchange*: Mr. Malloy Patterson died on Tuesday, December 9th, at the home of his nephew, ex-Senator D. A. Patterson. Mr. Patterson was 70 years of age, and was by profession a civil engineer, having graduated at State University in the early fifties.

— Goldsboro *Headlight*: The wave of prosperity which struck this section this Fall has left more money in the hands of the people of all classes than they have ever had before. The crops of both cotton and tobacco, from which the farmer gets his money, were unusually large this year and the prices received for both were more than had been expected. As a consequence trade in all lines has been good and everybody is both prosperous and happy on the eve of Christmas.

Chatham *Record*: We regret to hear of the death of Dr. A. S. Atwater who died on last Thursday in Granville county, where he had been residing several years. He was a son of Hon. John W. Atwater and had been in bad health for a long time. —In the Federal court at Raleigh last week a white man from this county, named Jim Jones, was convicted of resisting an officer and was sentenced to the penitentiary at Atlanta for one year and fined $300.

— Raleigh *Post*: News reached this city Tuesday of a homicide in Johnson county Monday, nine miles from Clayton. Two colored men, Sam and Bill Saunders, had a dispute over some money and Sam struck Bill with a pitchfork, killing him instantly. It seems that Sam was in debt to Bill and a quarrel ensued when Bill went to Sam's house and demanded payment. The report is that Bill pursued Sam through the house a time or two with a weapon of some kind drawn and chased him into the yard, where Sam seized a pitchfork and struck the fatal blow. Both are said to be well to do colored men. Bill was about 50 years old and leaves a wife and several children. Sam was unmarried. He has fled.

CURRENT COMMENT

—— John Mitchell's reception at his old home in Illinois yesterday was much like that accorded to old-time conquering heroes on their return from fields of carnage and victory. He deserved it. He made a brilliant fight.—*Richmond Leader, Dem.*

—— Whatever else he may be, the President of Venezuela is a shrewd politician, whose daring is equal to a crisis of any size, domestic or international. He is working with all his might to drag the Monroe Doctrine into his present trouble, and developments of the sort he is looking for are not impossible. It is a melancholy reflection that the moral force of the Monroe Doctrine has been weakened by our folly in having invaded the Orient.—*Norfolk Landmark, Dem.*

—— If it is the duty of the Federal authorities to appoint "worthy negroes to office on occasion" why is the worthy Southern negro given a local office while the equally worthy Northern negro is sent over the seas and far away? T. Thomas Fortune had earned recognition, we are told, and this comes with all the weight of a five thousand-dollar salary, but, to earn it, he must exile himself, first to New Jersey and next to "our island." But suppose he had been postmaster in New York where his business is, or even postmaster of the little Jersey town which he has lately called his home? *Jacksonville Times Union, Dem.*

—— When General Fitzhugh Lee returned from Cuba several years ago and the reporters tried to interview him, he replied jocularly in Spanish. He was most discreet, and let no word drop that could in any way embarrass either himself or the administration. We think the General would have done well to preserve the same discreet silence, now that it is all over. We do not think that it comes either in good taste or good grace for him to be telling tales on Mr. Cleveland at this late day. He was President Cleveland's confidential agent in Cuba, and his communications to the President were of a confidential nature. Moreover, Mr. Cleveland was one of the most valuable friends that General Lee ever had.—*Richmond Times, Dem.*

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

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Grace Dec 21.
Scott's Hill, Prospect, Dec. 27, 28.
Burgaw, Rocky Point, Jan. 3, 4.
Southport, Jan. 11, 12.
Shallotte, Concord, Jan. 13.
Town Creek, —— Jan. 14.
Waccamaw, Shallotte, Jan. 17, 18.
Whiteville, Whiteville, Jan. 18, 19.
Magnolia, Providence, Jan. 24, 25.
Clinton, Clinton, Jan. 30.
Kenansville, Friendship, Jan. 31, Feb 1.
Bladen, Bethlehem, Feb. 7, 8.
Elizabeth, Elizabethtown, Feb 9.
Carver's Creek, Council Station Feb. 10.
Onslow, Queen's Creek, Feb. 14, 15.
Jacksonville and Richlands, Half Moon, Feb. 21, 22.

District Stewards will please meet in the Ladies' Parlor, Grace church, Wilmington, Tuesday Dec. 30th, at 1 o'clock.

Missionary Institute will be held at Grace church Feb. 4th and 5th, 1903.

District conference will meet at Jacksonville Tuesday Mar. 17th at 5 o'clock P. M. and continue through the 18th and 19th, 1903.

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Those who will persist in closing their ears against the continual recommendation of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption will have a long and bitter fight with their troubles, if not ended earlier by fatal termination. Read what T. R. Beall, of Beall, Mass., has to say: "Last fall my wife had every symptom of consumption. She took Dr. King's New Discovery after everything else had failed. Improvement came at once, and four bottles entirely cured her." Guaranteed by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. Price 50 cents and $1.00. Trial bottles free. †

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TWINKLINGS.

— "Oh, I'm sure she isn't as old as she looks." "Perhaps not, but I'm sure she's older than she thinks she looks."—*Philadelphia Press.*

— City Nephew—"I noticed that the hired man didn't drink coffee for breakfast?" Farmer Bentover—"No! He's afraid it will keep him awake durin' the day."—*Puck.*

— Fame is very easily acquired. All you have to do is to be in the right place at the right time and do the right thing in the right way—and then advertise it properly.—*Puck.*

— Tommy—Did paw say it hurt him worse than it did you? Johnny—Nope; but it did, cuz while he wuz whalin' me I stepped on his corn.—*Indianapolis Sun.*

— Mabel—Who gave the bride away? Clara—Her little brother. He announced to the assembled guests that she had false teeth and dyed her hair."—*Chicago News.*

— Gladys.—"Isn't he awfully flat?" Edith—"Yes; but he has an 'auto,' a yacht, and a drag. He's what you might call a flat with all modern improvements."—*Judge*

— "Be attentive," advised the teacher, "and you may be President of the United States some day." "I'm afraid not," replied the smart boy; "I never had an ambition to shoot a duck or kill a bear in my life."—*Chicago News*

— "Why don't you write an American novel?" "I have thought of it," answered the literateur, "but was deterred by the fact that I could not decide whether to make the hero an Englishman, a Frenchman or a German."—*Philadelphia Press.*

— "I tell you," asserted the strong-minded woman, "women can do men's work as well as men do it." "That may be so," said the philosophical man, "and it only proves man's mental superiority. He never tries to do woman's work as well as woman can."—*Brooklyn Life.*

— "They put on lots of airs, don't they?" "Yes; but then, you know, that's natural enough, seeing the old man made his money manufacturing windmills, and his wife's father left her a fortune made from music boxes."—*Philadelphia Bulletin.*

PICKINGS FROM FICTION.

A thousand times better are the men who do than the weaklings who only know.—"God Wills It."

I've burned out the candle o' the Lord's mercy an' blowed the ashes in his face.—"The Sign of the Prophet."

It is as bad to slave at work as to slave at pleasure, but God may forgive what people cannot help.—"Lazarre."

Nature works not for man's enjoyment, but for her own satisfaction and her own glory.—"Our National Parks."

Time has kindlier uses for his scythe than cutting short human lives. His chief use of it is to cut off the tops of human memories.—"The Usurper."

To really enjoy the holidays one should have money, uncounted money, in a coal scuttle, let us say, with a convenient little fire shovel close at hand.—"The Last of the Knickerbockers."

Lovers of love are not lovers only. They are artists in emotion, always in quest of a still more subtle sensation, a joy more intense, a grief more bitter, and are unable to remain faithful to a monotonous fidelity, a tender constancy.—"The Screen."

The "Bad" Boys.

The "bad" boys are often the best boys in the neighborhood. All they want is a chance to do something. Don't expect healthy, active boys to want to be tied up in books and so called improving occupations continually. If boys are not given good ideas to work upon, such as they always get in kindergartens, manual training and other up to date schools, they are sure to be in harmful mischief, because boys with vim and "get there" in them are bound to be busy. Give them tools and materials to work with; encourage them to make sleds, carts, boats and various kinds of playthings. Don't ever give a "bad" boy up. Give him something to do.

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

[Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.]

STAR OFFICE, December 18.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing doing.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1.35 per barrel for strained and $1.40 per barrel for good strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.60 per barrel of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $1.75 per barrel for hard, $3.00 for dip.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine nothing doing; rosin firm at 95c@$1.00; tar steady at $1.20; crude turpentine quiet at $1.10 @2.00.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	15
Rosin	46
Tar	207
Crude turpentine	40

Receipts same day last year—23 casks spirits turpentine, 113 barrels rosin, 676 barrels tar, 59 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 8c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	5½ cts. ₱ lb
Good ordinary	7 " "
Low middling	7⅝ " "
Middling	8 " "
Good middling	8 13-16 " "

Same day last year, market firm at 7¾c for middling.

Receipts—1,474 bales; same day last year, 2,061.

[Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.]

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm, Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds Virginia—Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c. Spanish (new), 65@70c.

CORN—Firm; 65@67½c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 15@16c per pound; shoulders, 10@12½c; sides, 10@11c.

EGGS—Firm at 21@22c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Firm. Grown, 30@35c; springs, 12½@25c.

TURKEYS—Firm at 10@11c for live.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6¼c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Dull at 60c per bushel.

FINANCIAL MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Money on call—Market steady at 4¼@5¼ per cent., closing at 4@4¼ per cent; time money easier—60 days and 90 days, 6¼@ 7 per cent.; six months 5¾@6 per ct. Prime mercantile paper 6 per cent. Sterling exchange was soft, with actual business in bankers' bills at 486.75 for demand and at 483@483.125 for sixty days. Posted rates 484@484½ and 487¼@488. Commercial bills 482½@483¾. Bar silver 48¾. Mexican dollars 37¾. Government bonds steady. State bonds firm. Railroad bonds quoted strong. U S. funding 3's, registered, 107¾; U. S funding 3's, coupon, 108¾; U. S 3's, registered, 107½; do. coupon, 107½; U. S. 4's, new registered, 135; do. coupon, 135; U. S. 4's, old, registered, 108½; do. coupon, 109½; U. S. 5's, registered, 103¾; do. coupon 103¾; Southern Railway, 5's, 118¾ Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio 98 Chesapeake & Ohio 46¾; Manhattan L 147; New York Central 153½; Reading 62¾; do. 1st preferred 86; do. 2nd preferred 77½; St. Paul 172½; do. pref'd, 190; Southern Railway 31½; do. pref'd 92¾; Amalgamated Copper ex dividend 57½; People's Gas 102; Sugar 123½; Tennessee Coal and Iron 56¼; U. S. Leather 11⅞; do. pref'd, 67¾; Western Union 88¾; U. S. Steel 34; do. pref'd 88¾; Virginia-Carolina Chemical 59½; do. preferred, 122½; Standard Oil, 672@675

BALTIMORE, Dec. 18.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 24½@25¾; do. preferred, 42½@43¾; bonds, fours, 82¾ bid.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Rosin firm, Strained common to good $1 85. Spirits turpentine steady.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 18. Spirits turpentine and rosin unchanged.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 18.—Spirits turpentine quoted firm at 51¾c; receipts 692 casks; sales — casks; exports 107 casks. Rosin firm; receipts 3,430 barrels; sales 1,866 barrels; exports 310 barrels. Quote: A, B, C, D, $1 45. E, $1 50; F, $1 55; G, $1 70; H, $2 00; I, $2 35; K $2 85; M, $3 35; N, $3 55; W G, $3 80; W W, $4 20.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The cotton exchange will be closed December 25 and 27 and January 1 The cotton market to-day opened quiet at unchanged prices to an advance of three points and for a time ruled steadier, gaining another point on some of the more active positions but then selling off to a level four to seven points under the closing figures of the previous day, on which basis the market closed quiet and steady. The easier ruling of the market was largely due to an increase in port receipts which were 40,809 bales, against 35,743 last week and 35,932 last year, while considerably larger also than the movement during the corresponding week for four previous years. And while receipts were expanding, exports failed to materialize to the predicted extent, being 23,193 bales, which brings the amount for the season up to 3,047,571 bales against 4,101,575 last year, for the corresponding period. To make claims maintained at the beginning of the month, good, clearances should now be upon a record scale. The disappointment in this respect was a factor in the selling movement which caused to-day's decline, in connection with moderate inquiry from exporters and spinners for spot cotton in the South, while the New York market declined five points for spot cotton. The selling to-day was led by a Philadelphia concern having large spinning and export connections and a large local following, which also sold, but to a more moderate extent, as the local contingent regard the market as a small one and endeavor to keep in trim for a quick change in front from either one side or the other, at best leaving it a small market with a weak undertone. Total sales futures estimated at 150,000 bales.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Cotton quiet at 8.65c; net receipts 154 bales; gross receipts 2,383 bales; stock 141,878 bales.

Spot closed quiet and 5 points lower; middling uplands 8.65; middling gulf 8.80c; sales 500 bales.

Cotton futures closed quiet, steady: December 8.43, January 8 44, February 8.20, March 8.24, April 8 25, May 8.26, June 8.26, July 8.26, August 8.10, September 7.85

Total to-day, at all seaports—Net receipts 40,089 bales; exports to Great Britain — bales; exports to France — bales; exports to the Continent 23,813 bales; stock 1,050,324 bales.

Consolidated, at all seaports—Net receipts 233,342 bales; exports to Great Britain 73,554 bales; exports to France 28,827 bales; exports to the Continent 72,030 bales.

Total since September 1st, at all seaports—Net receipts 4,377,697 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,345,823 bales; exports to France 337,539 bales; exports to the Continent 1,319,666 bales

Dec. 18.—Galveston, firm at 8 5-16c, net receipts 7,063 bales; Norfolk, dull at 8 5-16c, net receipts 4,997 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 8¾c, net receipts — bales; Boston, quiet at 8.70, net receipts 164 bales; Wilmington, firm at 8c, net receipts 1,474 bales; Philadelphia, quiet at 8.90c, net receipts 137 bales; Savannah, quiet at 8 1-16c, net receipts 7,571 bales. New Orleans, steady at 8 3-16c, net receipts 11,052 bales; Mobile, quiet at 8c, net receipts 180 bales. Memphis, quiet at 8¼c, net receipts 3,143 bales; Augusta, easy at 8¾c, net receipts 1,013 bales; Charleston, quiet at 8 1-16, net receipts 2,804 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Flour was unsettled and a little in buyers favor. Rye flour was quiet. Wheat—Spot easier; No. 2 red 82½c. Options at first were steady on cables, but eventually broke under vigorous liquidation induced by small clearances, disappointing export demand, foreign selling and a liberal Western movement. Closed weak at ½@¾c net decline: May 80½c; July closed 78½c; December closed 82¾c. Corn—Spot easy; No. 2 62c. Options market opened rather firm on cable news, but like wheat declined sharply in the afternoon, owing to liquidation, easier late cables and fine weather, closed steady at ½@¾ net lower. Sales included: January closed 53¾c; March closed —c; May closed 48½c; July closed 47c; December closed 58½c. Oats—Spot quiet; No. 2, 37¼c. Options were dull and easy: December closed 33¼c. Lard quiet; refined dull. Butter steady; extra creamery 30c; State dairy 20@28. Cheese steady; new State full cream, small colored fancy, September 13½@13¾c; small white September 13½@13¾c. Peanuts steady; fancy hand picked 4¼@4½c; other domestic 3@4¼c. Cabbages steady; domestic, per 100, white $1 50@3 00; red $1 50@3 50. Coffee—Spot Rio quiet; No 7 invoice 5¾, mild steady; Cordova 7½@12. Sugar—Raw steady; refined dull. Freights to Liverpool—cotton by steam 12. Eggs were steady; State and Pennsylvania average best 28c Potatoes quoted steady; Long Island $2 00@2 30; South Jersey sweets $2 50@3 75; Jerseys $2 00@3 00; New York and Western per 180 lbs., $1 50 @2 00. Molasses firm. Pork steady. Tallow steady. Rice firm. Cotton seed oil very firm and a shade higher: Prime crude f. o. b. mills 31c; prime summer yellow 39@40c; off summer yellow 38c; prime white 41@42c; prime winter yellow 42c; prime mess $27 00@27 50, nominal.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Grains and provisions market were extremely dull to-day and prices generally lower at the close, May wheat being down ½@¾c with May corn off ¼c@½c and oats ½c@¾c lower; January provisions closed unchanged to 17½c lower.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Cash prices: Flour quiet and steady. Wheat—No. 2 spring 74@75c; No. 3 spring 66@69c; No. 2 red 72¾@74½c Corn—No. 2 46½c; No. 2 yellow 46¾c. Oats—No. 2 30¾c; No. 3 white —c. Rye—No. 2 48¾. Mess pork, per barrel, at $17 00. Lard, per 100 lbs., $10 25@10 30. Short rib sides, loose, closed $8 37½@8 62½. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, $8 25@8 50, Short clear sides, boxed, $8 75@9 00. Whiskey—Basis of high wines, $1 32.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 December 74¾ 74¼, 74⅝, 72¾, 73c; May 77¾@77½, 77¼@77⅝, 76½, 76¼c; July 74¾@@74¾, 74¼, 73 5-16, 73⅜@73¼c. Corn—No. 2 December 47¾@48¼, 48¾, 46¼, 46¾c; January 45¾@46, 46¾, 45¼ 45½c; May 43¾@43¾, 43¾, 43@43¼, 43@43½c. Oats—No 2 December, new, 31, 31½, 30¾, 30¾c; May 32¾@32¾, 32¾@32¾, 32½, 32½@32¾c. Mess pork, per bbl—December $16 60, 16 62½, 16 40, 16 40; May $15 60, 15 65, 15 57½, 15 62. Lard, per 100 lbs—December $10 30, 10 30, 10 25, 10 25; January $9 75, 9 77½, 9 70, 9 70; May $9 10, 9 17½, 9 10, 9 10. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—January $8 42½, 8 42½, 8 37½, 8 37½; May $8 30, 8 32½, 8 30, 8 30.

FOREIGN MARKET

By Cable to the Morning Star

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 18.—Cotton: Spot in fair demand, prices 2 points lower; American middling fair 5.16d; good middling 4.68d; middling 4.51d; low middling 4.42d; good ordinary 4.30d; ordinary 4.18d. The sales of the day were 12,000 bales, of which 1,000 bales were for speculation and export and included 11,000 bales American. Receipts 31,000 bales, including 27,900 bales American.

Futures opened quiet and steady and closed weak and irregular; American middling (g o c) December 4.45d; December and January 4.45d; January and February 4.45@4.46d; February and March 4.45@4.46d; March and April 4.46d; April and May 4.47d. May and June 4.48d; June and July 4.48d; July and August 4.48d; August and September 4.43@4.44d.

MARINE.

ARRIVED.

Clyde steamship Oneida, Deveraux, Georgetown, S C, H G Smallbones.

British schooner Lady Shee, 151 tons, Munro, Governor's Harbor, B W I, George Harriss, Son & Co.

MARINE DIRECTORY

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., December 19

STEAMSHIPS.

Riverton, (Br) 2,236 tons, Williams, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Harbart, (Br) 3,149 tons, Bowling, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

SCHOONERS.

Lady Shee, (Br) 151 tons, Munro, George Harriss, Son & Co.

Havelock, (Br) 219 tons, Beery, J T Riley & Co.

Mabel Darling, (Br) 111 tons, Sweeting, J A Springer & Co.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

C. C. Railroad—126 bales cotton, 2 casks spirits turpentine, 33 barrels rosin, 81 barrels tar, 3 barrels crude turpentine.

W. & W. Railroad—734 bales cotton, 34 barrels tar.

W., C. & A. Railroad—287 bales cotton, 13 casks spirits turpentine, 13 barrels rosin, 65 barrels tar, 37 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—337 bales cotton, 1 cask spirits turpentine, 37 barrels tar.

Total—1,474 bales cotton, 15 casks spirits turpentine, 46 barrels rosin, 207 barrels tar, 40 barrels crude turpentine.

— "Dis is certainly fine, bracin' weather," remarked Weary Raggles to Tired Tatters. "Yes," replied Tatters, "I braced six men fer a dime dis mornin' an' on'y got one refusal."—*Cincinnati Commercial Tribune*

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Statement of **Atlantic Trust & Banking Co.,**

Wilmington, N. C.

At close of business November 25th, 1902, condensed from report to Corporation Commission (Began business September, 1902.)

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and Discounts	$196,721 67	Capital Stock	$ 50,000 00
Furniture and Fixtures	400 00	Profits, less expenses and taxes paid	4,667 84
Cash on hand. Due from Banks	3,019 68	Accrued interest due to depositors	675 00
		Deposits	145 000 51
	$200,143 35		$200,143 35

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Teachers and parents are asked to consider the statement that a sense of duty is the foundation of real education and the basis of success. Whatever has been achieved of real importance in the world has been based upon a sense of duty. Religion itself is founded upon duty, and its main teachings deal with questions of duty—the duty of men and women toward each other and toward their Creator.

Children's minds will be strengthened, their work made easier and their ambition stimulated if they can be made to feel toward duty that it is not repulsive, but that it offers an opportunity for achievement, an opportunity for every individual to prove his worth and that he deserves to succeed. If duty can be strongly developed in the mind of a young child, the effect will remain through life and make that child's existence useful.

Parents should impress upon their children—and young people should impress upon themselves—the fact that a sense of duty is the noblest, most manly and at the same time most womanly of qualities.

The average small boy thinks that there is something "soft" about a dutiful boy. He should be taught that what made Washington a fighter and Lincoln great among his fellows was nothing else than a sense of duty to their country.

What makes a fireman brave is a sense of duty. A sense of duty is at the foundation of every effort made to provide for children, to meet the obligations of life honestly.

The German philosopher Fichte, as admirable a moral character as the world has known, exemplifies as perfectly as any the beauty of a life inspired by a sense of duty, and it is a life which may be well studied by those engaged in shaping the character of the young.

The very keynote of his philosophical system was based on duty. "Unsere Welt ist das versinnlichte Material unserer Pflicht," said he.

This idea—that our world is but the material incarnation of our duty—he taught, and, what is more, he practiced what he preached.

One preacher who practices his preachings thoroughly is worth many of the other kind, no matter how eloquent the others. And Fichte practiced his beliefs. When he was poor and a young tutor, he set a good example to every teacher. As a tutor he made his living, but he knew that his duty to the child intrusted to him was the principal thing. He knew also that every child is really formed in character and morals by the influence of its parents.

Fichte kept a journal devoted to the attitude of his employers toward their child—his pupil. Every week he told them the mistakes they had made and held them accountable for spoiling the child through flattery, too much kindness, ill judged severity or in whatever way. Strange to say, the parents actually put up with this for two whole years, so great was their admiration for the young tutor's moral character.

Duty well ingrained in the soul will keep a man on the right path in easy times and in hard times. Fichte is quoted here because no man better than he proves the power of a sense of duty. In small things duty guided him, and it guided him at the end.

He was just past the half century of his age and had been gloriously successful. He had been called to the chair of philosophy at Berlin, and no teacher of truth had ever been more loved or more admired. On a certain day he was to lecture, and he had chosen "Duty" for his subject. His country was at war and threatened with invasion and absolute annihilation of her liberties.

Fichte, who had talked much of the little duties of life, talked on this day of man's duty to his country. The sound of drums calling for conscripts frequently interrupted his lecture. He told the listening young man that each man's duty is to lend his individual strength and life to his country in time of danger. It was a marvelous address, and it ended well.

For at the close he said to his great crowd of admiring students: "This course of lectures will be suspended until the end of the campaign. We shall resume them in a free country or die in the attempt to recover her freedom."

Fichte left his lecture platform to enlist as a simple soldier, and, needless to say, his students followed his example in crowds. That was at the beginning of the campaign of 1813, but the example is good enough to last until now and for many hundred years to come. A year later, aged fifty-two, he died. He caught the fever while caring for those afflicted, among others for his own wife, who had gone with the army as nurse.

Make duty a strong part of your child's or your pupil's moral education. A sense of duty impels men to struggle on and do their best even in the face of failure; a sense of duty impels the successful man to make good use of his success. The hideous, empty, selfish lives of the self indulgent class are based upon utter lack of the sense of duty. In the education of a child moral teachings should come first; in a child's mental equipment moral qualities should be first considered. By example, precept, argument and through history impress upon your children the fact that without a sense of duty they are unworthy of the opportunities that life offers to men in this world.—New York Journal.

What Grant Saw In Canada.

Lord Dufferin when viceroy of Canada paid a visit to Washington while General Grant was president. He casually asked the president whether he had ever been in Canada.

The reply was a striking example of General Grant's brusque outspokenness. "No; I have never set foot on Canadian soil, but I have approached near enough to its shores in a steamboat to see the grass growing in the streets of the Canadian towns."

Lord Dufferin saw that General Grant shared with many of his countrymen at that time a common misapprehension in regard to the resources and destinies of Canada.—London News.

Was Moses a Cowboy?

Fred heard his father talking about a cattle stampede in the west, where the cowboys were caught in the great rush and some of them trampled to death. After a minute or two of profound thought he said:

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The best way to tell a cigar is by the feel of it. Take a cigar in your hands and give it a gentle pressure, holding it close to the ear. If the cigar is a good one, it will be just the least little bit flexible, and the fingers will sink into the wrapper. It gives forth no perceptible sound. If the cigar is hard and close rolled and when placed to the ear sounds as though you were pressing straw together, beware. The best cigars are made of the same leaf as the wrapper and are closely rolled. The common cigars are what is known as filled and contain all kinds of refuse from the tables where the good cigars are made. There are some filled cigars that are good smokes, but you seldom find a Havana or a Manila or good Cuban or Key West smoke that is not rolled. Many people who go into a cigar store to get an imported smoke do not follow up the salesman when he takes the cigars from the case and are consequently often fooled. They are given domestic brands and are charged imported prices for them.

These "good cigar judges" cannot tell the difference when there is all the difference in the world. If you must have an imported smoke, make the clerk hand you the box and look closely at the revenue stamp. The stamps on domestic goods are green and white, while those on the imported boxes are all yellow and white. Look into the next cigar cases you see before purchasing an imported cigar. If they have no boxes in the case to which is attached a yellow and white stamp, don't attempt to make a purchase. The clerk will sell you a cigar he calls imported, but it will not be the real article.—Washington Post.

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And the best thing of all, we have a big stock of Boys' Clothing that we bought at 25 per cent. less than value. An all wool suit, nicely made up, as low as $2.00 and up to $5.00; 500 suits to select from. In Boys' Pants, we have the best stock we have ever had, made from mill ends of American Woollen Company's cloths, every pair made with tape seams throughout and warranted not to rip. We sell them for 50c a pair. A nice line of Boys' White Laundried Waists at 50c; heavy Cheviot Waists at 25c each.

Ladies' ready-to-wear Hats—We are having a regular Hat sale; a very large line that we are selling at less than manufacturer's cost. Nice pretty hats at 48c; regular $1.50 hats for 75c and 89c; our $1 hats are $2 values. In this line we consider we are selling them at half-price.

Received to-day, a big line of birds and parrots—good black parrots 50c each; large birds are 69c and 98c each. In veilings we have lots of different styles; chiffon veilings with dots at 25c per yard, in all colors; pretty silk veiling for 10c per yard.

In ladies' Cloaks we have had a phenomenal success this season; we have carried the stock of the town. Just received, 21 new cloaks to-day. Our prices are what counts—when a customer gives us an opportunity to show our goods and make a price we never fail to make a sale.

We have good beaver coats in red, blue, tan and black, at $2.98. A line of black beaver coats in the newest shapes at $3.50; better coats at $5, $6 and up to $10 each.

In furs we are showing a nice assortment and selling them at the lowest prices. If you are thinking of buying a fur, come to see us—the prices run from $1 to $5 each.

Trunks and Valises—These make valuable presents. We have a nice line of very fine Trunks that would be a credit to give your friends. We have a line of the best roller tray Trunks, worth $9 to $15 each. Splendid canvas Trunks, with brass locks and heavy straps, at $3 and up to $5 each. Nice heavy leather Suit Cases for $6.95, regular $10 cases. Club Bags, all leather, from 85c to $4 each; imitation leather, from 29c to 98c; imitation leather Suit Cases for $1.50 each.

In our Men's Clothing Department our sales have been the best we have ever known. In this department we credit our great success to the style, quality and fit of our goods and the last and best feature is, we undersell our competitors. We can fit you in a suit anywhere from $1.98 to $12.50; we would like for you to look at them before you buy elsewhere. Men's Overcoats, we have all grades and kinds, all prices, from $3 to $12.50 each. We also have a line of Rubber Clothing; men's water-proof coats, rubber lined, at $1.50 each; Mackintoshes, with cape, at $1.39 each; Ladies' Gossamers at $2.50 and $3.50 each; a workingman's coat for rainy weather at $1.50 each; a doctor's or sea captain's coat, absolutely water proof, for $5.

We want to impress on your mind that while we handle a big line of toys and holiday goods we also handle a big line of other goods for every purpose and we punch cards and give you presents free. Come and see us.

GEO. O. GAYLORD, PROPRIETOR.

Wilmington's Big Racket Store,

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SEABOARD AIR LINE RAILWAY

Schedule in Effect Nov. 23.

TRAIN 39 Leaves Wilmington at 3:20 P. M., arrives Lamberton 5:44 P. M., Pembroke 6:10 P. M., Maxton 6:40 P. M., Hamlet 7:21 P. M., Charlotte 10:22 P. M.

TRAIN 10 Leaves Charlotte 5:0 1A. M., Hamlet at 9:25 A. M., arrives Maxton 9:10 A. M., Pembroke 9:45 A. M., Lumberton 10 08 A. M., Wilmington 12.20 noon.

WESTBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Hamlet	9 45 p m	7.40 a m
Ar Monroe	11 2 8 m	9.15 a m
Ar Charlotte	....	10.35 a m
Ar Chester	12.51 a m	10.30 a m
Ar Greenwood	8.25 a m	12.37 p m
Ar Athens	2 52 a m	5 58 p m
Ar Atlanta	7 35 a m	4.00 p m

Close connection at Atlanta for Montgomery, Mobile, New Orleans and all points in Texas, Mexico and California; also for Chattanooga, Nashville, Louisville, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Chicago, and Western and Northwestern points.

SOUTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	9 45 p m	7.35 a m
Ar Columbia	1 15 a m	11.30 a m
Ar Savannah	2 35 a m	4 55 p m
Ar Jacksonville	7 00 a m	9 15 p m
Ar Tampa	6 5 p m	6 00 a m

NORTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	10.40 a m	7.50 a m
Ar Columbia	1.30 a m	11.10 a m
Ar Norlina	3.32 a m	1.25 p m
Ar Portsmouth	7.15 a m	5.35 p m
Ar Norfolk		
Lv Hamlet	10.40 p m	8.40 a m
Ar Raleigh	1 30 a m	11.45 a m
Ar Norlina	3.32 a m	1.35 a m
Ar Petersburg	5.53 a m	4.07 p m
Ar Richmond	6.35 a m	4.53 p m
Ar Washington	10.10 a m	8.30 p m
Ar Baltimore	11.25 a m	11.25 p m
Ar New York	4.15 p m	6.30 a m

Train 40 leaving Hamlet at 8.25 a. m. takes passengers from train 31, leaving New York at 12.35 p. m.; Baltimore at 5.45 p. m.; Washington 7.00 p. m.; Richmond 10.27 p. m.; Portsmouth 9.05 p. m.; Norfolk 8 30 p. m.; Raleigh 4.15 a. m. arriving at Hamlet at 7.00 a m. From train 38, leaving Atlanta 1.00 p. m.; Athens 2.57 p. m.; Chester 4.15 a. m.; Charlotte 5.01 a. m.; Monroe 5.40 a. m.; arriving Hamlet 7.30 a. m.

From train 66 leaving Jacksonville 4.30 p. m.; Savannah 12.10 p. m.; Columbia 3.58 a. m.; arriving Hamlet 5.20 a. m.

Through Pullman sleepers from Hamlet to all points North, South and Southwest.

For tickets, Pullman reservations, etc., apply to Thomas D. Meares, General Agent, Wilmington, N. C.

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Consolidated Railways,

LIGHT AND POWER CO.

SUBURBAN LINE.

Winter Schedule, in Effect November 25th, 1902.

LEAVE FRONT AND PRINCESS STREETS

At *7:00, 9:00, *10:00, 11:00 A. M. *12:00, 1:00, *2:00, 3:00, *4:00, 5:00, *6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00 P. M.

LEAVE WRIGHTSVILLE FOR WILMINGTON.

At *8:00, 10:00, *11:00 A. M. 12:00, *1:00, 2:30, *3:30, 4:30, *5:30, 6:00, *6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30 P. M.

LEAVE WRIGHTSVILLE FOR OCEAN VIEW.

At 9:20, *10:30, 11:30 A. M. *12:30, 1:30, *2:30 3:30, *4:40, 5:30 P. M.

LEAVE OCEAN VIEW.

At 9:45, *10:45, 11:45 A. M. *12:45, 2:15, *3:15, 4:15, 5:15, *5:45 P. M.

*Sunday only.

†Freight and passenger—daily except Sunday

Regular Freight Cars leave Ninth and Orange streets at 4:00 P. M. Returning, leaves Wrightsville at 5:30 P. M

CITY LINE.

Leave Front and Princess streets daily, except Sunday, every ten minutes from 7:30 A. M. to midnight.

SUNDAY.

Every ten minutes from 8:30 A. M. to midnight.

S. A. L. CAR.

Leave Fourth and Brunswick streets daily every ten minutes from 11:35 A. M. to 12:05 P. M. and from 2:35 P. M. to 2:55 P. M.

CEMETERY CARS.

Leave Tenth and Princess streets every day, every half hour from 4:00 P. M. to 5:30 P. M. Last car leaves Cemetery 5:35 P. M.

DELGADO AND GOLF LINKS.

Cars leave Tenth and Princess streets every day and every half hour from 3:40 P. M. to 5:40 P. M. Last car leaves Golf Links at 5:50 P. M.

CHARTERED CARS

Furnished on three hours' notice over any part of the City or Suburban Line from $5.00 to $15.00, according to the service.

A. B. SKELDING, Gen'l Manager.

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REPORT

OF THE CONDITION OF THE ATLANTIC National Bank, of Wilmington, N. C., at the close of business, November 25, 1902.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts		$1,162,406 61
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured		940 33
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation		95,100 00
U. S. Bonds to secure U. S. Deposits		173,800 00
Stocks, securities, etc		18,069 63
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures		20,000 00
Other Real Estate owned		10,000 00
Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents)		91,031 68
Due from State Banks and Bankers		115,906 29
Due from approved reserve agents		106,204 86
Notes of other National Banks	$10,000 00	
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents	1,854 16	
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:		
Specie	$34 545 00	
Legal tender notes	101,300 00	147,599 16
Redemption fund with U. S. Treas'r (5 per cent. of circulation)		4,700 00
Total		$1,945,078 52

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in		$ 125,000 00
Surplus fund	$125,000 00	
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	35,737 08	160,737 08
National Bank notes outstanding		95,100 00
Due to other National Banks	271,883 09	
Due to State Banks and Bankers	267,541 10	
Dividends unpaid	292 00	
Individual deposits subject to check	801,060 99	
Certified checks	4 696 30	
Cashier's checks outstanding	44,887 56	
United States deposits	173,800 00	1,564,321 44
Total		$1,945,078 52

State of North Carolina, county of New Hanover, ss.:

I, Andrew Moreland, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ANDREW MORELAND, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23d day of November, 1902.

W. C. ARMSTRONG, Notary Public.

CORRECT—Attest:

C. W. YATES,
R. A. PARSLEW,
GEO. R. FRENCH,
} Directors.

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FIRST PAT. FLOUR,

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Straight Flour.

RICE, SUGAR, COFFEE,
CANNED GOODS,
SOAP, STARCH, &c., &c.

Special attention to consignments.

S. P. McNAIR.

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Lands Posted.

The privilege of hunting on my lands near Wilmington having been leased, all persons are hereby warned against shooting, hunting, ranging or otherwise trespassing on said lands.

nov 28 tf S. W. NOBLE.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Schedule In Effect Nov. 30, 1902.

NORTHBOUND.

	No. 48	No. 40
Lv Wilmington	9 30 a m	7 00 p m
Ar Goldsboro	12.21 p m	9 38 p m
Ar Wilson	1 18 p m	10 40 p m
Ar Rocky Mount	1 55 p m	11.35 p m
Ar Norlina	5 56 p m	.....
Ar Weldon	4 53 p m	1 45 a m
Ar Petersburg	6 52 p m	3 35 a m
Ar Richmond	7.45 p m	4 07 a m
Ar Washington	11.40 p m	7 54 a m
Ar Baltimore	1.33 a m	9 10 a m
Ar Philadelphia	4 05 a m	11 35 a m
Ar New York	7.08 a m	1 53 p m

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 141	No. 49
Lv New York	9 00 a m	9 30 p m
Ar Philadelphia	11.30 a m	12 10 a m
Ar Baltimore	1 44 p m	2.37 a m
Ar Washington	2 50 p m	3.45 a m
Ar Norfolk	.....	9 00 a m
Ar Richmond	6.26 p m	8.50 a m
Ar Petersburg	7 32 p m	9 13 a m
Ar Weldon	9.04 p m	11 22 a m
Ar Rocky Mount	10 07 p m	12 50 p m
Ar Wilson	10 48 p m	1 46 p m
Ar Goldsboro	7.16 a m	2 55 p m
Ar Wilmington	10.10 a m	5 45 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND.

	Daily Ex. Sunday	Daily.	Daily.
Lv Wilmington	6.00 a m	3 45 p m	7.00 p m
Ar Florence	9 25 a m	7 30 p m	2.35 a m
Ar Charleston	1 10 p m	11 15 p m	5.45 a m
Ar Savannah	6 35 p m	3.00 a m	7.25 a m
Ar Jacksonville		9.00 a m	12 45 p m
Ar Tampa		7.00 p m	10.50 p m

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv Tampa		8.05 p m	9 30 a m
Ar Jacksonville		7.30 a m	7.00 p m
Ar Savannah		1 10 p m	1.15 a m
Ar Charleston		5 15 p m	6.25 a m
Ar Florence		8 0 p m	9 45 a m
Ar Wilmington		11.45 p m	1.40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD.

	West Bound Daily	East Bound Daily
Lv Wilmington	9 10 a m	Ar. 5.00 p m
Ar Fayetteville	12 3 0 p m	Ar. 5 00 p m
Ar Sanford	1 50 p m	Lv. 3 45 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN.

	North Bound Daily ex Sunday.	South Bound Daily
Lv Wilmington	12 33 p m	Ar. 12 08 p m
Ar Newbern	5 40 p m	Lv. 9 0 a m

‡Via Wilson.

Trains Nos 40 and 41 carry Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with Fonna R. R. for all points east.

W. J. CRAIG, Gen'l Passenger Agent.

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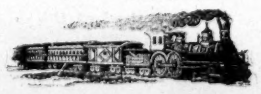

To Take Effect Sunday, Oct. 21. 1902, at 12.01 A. M.

GOING EAST. Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	Pass'g'r Trains Leave	STATIONS	GOING WEST. Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	Pass'g'r Trains Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
.....	3 40	Goldsboro	11 05	.....
.....	4 33	Kinston	10 13	.....
5 40	5 50	Newbern	9 27	9 32
7 02	7 07	Morehead City	7 52	7 57
P. M	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.35 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 P. M., and with W. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

FUIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 19.

LOUISVILLE BUSINESS MAN FOUND DEAD.

With Gunshot Wound in His Breast—Had Insurance on His Life for $340,000 and Applications for More.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

LOUISVILLE, KY, Dec. 18.—It developed to-day that R. C. Whayne, a Louisville business man who was found dead last night in the vicinity of Jacob Park, with a gunshot wound in the breast, carried insurance on his life for $340,000 and had applications pending for $50,000 more. The policies were distributed as follows: Equitable Life Assurance Society of New York, $200,000; Provident Savings Life Assurance Society of New York, $120,000; Union Central Life, $10,000; New York Life, $5,000: Northwestern Mutual Life, $5,000.

Mr. Whayne had applied for a policy of $35,000 with the Manhattan Company and the policy was to issue December 22dd. Another application had been made to the Mutual of Vermont for an equal amount and this policy was to be dated December 24th.

It was upon the fact that Mr. Whayne carried such large life insurance, and was said to be suffering from rheumatism, that a theory of suicide is based.

Coroner Kelly went to the scene of the death this morning. He said the circumstances were such that the case would require exhaustive investigation. The inquest will be held Saturday. Near Mr. Whayne's body, but on the opposite side of a wire fence, was a shot-gun with one barrel empty and the other loaded and cocked. His friends and family declare that death was due to accident and that the gun was discharged while he was climbing through the fence.

JUDGES' SALARIES NOT TAXABLE.

Supreme Court Adopts the Opinion of the Attorney General—Raleigh News.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 18.—The Supreme Court to-day adopted the opinion of the Attorney General, holding that salaries of Judges of the Supreme and Superior Courts are not liable to income tax, as the opinion of the Court declares Mr. Gilmer's opinion full, able, exhaustable and a correct decision of the question. The opinion maintains this central principle. If the right to tax salaries of Judges be conceded there would be no limitation, but it would be discretionary with the Legislature to do it to such an extent as to virtually abolish the means of conducting the judicial department. Its existence must not be dependent upon the will of a co-ordinate department. It is held that the constitution clearly prohibits such tax by providing that salaries of Judges shall not be diminished during their term of office.

In a batch of opinions by the Court to day, mostly from Western counties, Elmore vs. Seaboard Air Line Railway, from Wayne, on a petition to rehear, was allowed and a new trial ordered.

WILL MAKE THEIR HOME HERE.

Miss Elena Mintz and Mr. T. L. Vines Married at Southport Wednesday.

[*Southport Standard, 18th.*]

At one o'clock yesterday afternoon, Mr. Thomas L. Vines, a popular young man of this county, and ex-Clerk Superior Court, led Miss Elena Mintz, the amiable and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mintz of this town, to the marriage altar.

The celebration was at the home of the bride's parents, and was performed by the Rev. J. C. Story, pastor of the Presbyterian church here, in the presence of a number of relatives and friends of the contracting couple.

Mr. F. R. Mintz and Miss Ida P. Manson, and Mr. Price Furpless and Miss Cassie Mintz preceeded the couple as they entered the softly illuminated parlor, where they were pronounced man and wife by a short, though pretty marriage ceremony, Miss Carrie Drew presiding at the instrument. The bride was attired in a castor silk, handsomely trimmed, and carried a lovely bouquet of bridal roses.

A number of costly presents were received by the bride, Refreshments were served and the couple left for Wilmington, where they make their home, followed by the best wishes of their numerous friends.

THE WILL OF REV. W. C. NORMAN.

Story Showing His Unselfishness and Thoughtfulness of the Church.

[*Raleigh News and Observer.*]

DURHAM, N. C, Dec. 17.—The will of the late Rev. W. C. Norman has been admitted to probate before Clerk of Court O. D. Green, of this county. The estate is valued at $15,100 and divided as follows: Real estate, $5,000; N. C. bonds, $5,300; cash $700; solvent credits $1,100; and life insurance $3,000. The estate is left in its entirety to his wife. Since the death of Mr. Norman a very pretty story regarding his thoughtfulness for his church has leaked out of the stewards' room. The church had been paying $1.600 salary, but for two years Mr. Norman had refused to accept more than $1,500, saying that this was enough for him.

Snapped At a Policeman.

Thos. R. Costen, white, was arraigned in the municipal court yesterday on two charges of assault and battery with a deadly weapon. Wednesday he was firing a pistol in the vicinity of Sixth and Castle streets, and when Policeman G. R. Holt went to arrest him, he snapped the pistol at the officer. Costen was bound over to the higher court in a bond of $150 which he gave with his brother-in-law, Mr. John Ahrens, as surety.

A Frightened Horse,

Running like mad down the street, dumping the occupants, or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurrences. It behooves everybody to have a reliable Salve handy, and there is none as good as Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Burns, Cuts, Sores, Eczema and Piles disappear quickly under its soothing effect. 25 cents, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

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TARIFF REDUCTION FOR PHILIPPINES.

Bill Passed the House Reducing Duties on All Products of the Islands.

PURE FOOD BILL DEBATED.

House Adopted Report of Committee on Foreign Affairs on the Resolutions Calling for Information Regarding Venezuela Imbroglio.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The House to-day passed the bill to reduce the duties on the products of the Philippine Islands coming into the United States from 75 per cent. of the Dingley rates (the present duties) to 25 per cent. of those rates. The discussion of the bill was accompanied by considerable manœuvring on the Democratic side to secure test votes upon various amendments designed to lower the tariff barrier still further, and a record vote was forced upon a motion to recommit with instructions to report a bill providing for absolute free trade with the islands. The division upon this proposition was on party lines with the exception of Mr. McCall, Republican of Massachusetts, who voted with the Democrats.

The discussion of the pure food bill, which has been made a continuing order until disposed of, was begun. Mr. Tompkins, of Ohio, and Mr. Adamson, of Georgia, opened the debate respectively for and against the bill. Mr. Gardner, of Massachusetts, opposed the bill.

The McCall resolution calling upon the State Department for the correspondence in the Venezuelan imbroglio was adopted at the beginning of the session.

Mr. Hitt, of Illinois, for the Committee on Foreign Affairs, reported back the DeArmond and McCall resolutions calling upon the Secretary of State for the facts with relation to the claims of Great Britain and Germany against Venezuela, and generally for a statement of the diplomatic situation with reference to the Monroe Doctrine.

The report recommended that the DeArmond resolution lie upon the table, and that the McCall resolution, which called for all the correspondence in the case, be adopted.

Mr. Richardson, of Tennessee, asked why Italy and other European powers which were figuring in the controversy were not named in the resolution.

Mr. Hitt replied that he was advised that the correspondence was similar in each case. The recommendations of the committee were agreed to.

The House then went into committee of the whole and took up the consideration of the bill reported by the Ways and Means Committee yesterday, to reduce the duties on articles the growth and the product of the Philippine archipelago, from 75 per cent. of the Dingley rates (the present tariff) to 25 per cent.

Mr. Payne explained the bill. The Philippine government he said, needed revenue and for that reason it was impracticable to totally abolish the duties.

Mr. Richardson, Tennessee, said he believed any duty was unjust, unconstitutional and un-American, but he favored any reduction. He gave notice that he would vote to recommit the bill with instructions to report it back amended so as to provide for free trade with the islands.

Mr. McClellan, of New York, recalled the fact that General Wright, vice governor of the Philippines, in a hearing before the Ways and Means Committee, expressed the opinion that the free importation of Philippine products would best subserve the interests of the islands.

Mr. Swanson, of Virginia, also argued in favor of free trade with the Philippines.

The bill was further discussed by Mr. DeArmond, of Missouri, Mr. Ball, of Texas, Mr. Crumpacker, Indiana and Mr. Greene, of Pennsylvania. All amendments were voted down in committee of the whole. In the House Mr. Richardson moved to recommit the bill with instructions to the committee to report back the bill amended so as to provide for free trade between the United States and the islands. The motion was defeated.

The pure food bill was then taken up.

Mr. Adamson, of Georgia, opposed it in an extended speech, taking the ground that the States could adequately deal with the situation. He said he believed thoroughly in the protection of the public against fraud but he did not believe in imposing the task upon the Federal government. No one could contend, he said, that a State could not punish common cheats and swindlers if they deceived in that they sold one thing and delivered another.

COAL STRIKE COMMISSION.

Further Testimony Tending to Show That a Reign of Terror Existed in the Coal Fields During the Strike.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SCRANTON, PA., Dec. 18.—The coal strike commission listened to-day to further testimony tending to show that a reign of terror existed in the anthracite coal fields during the five and a half months of the mine workers' strike. About a score of witnesses were called during the two sessions by the attorneys for the non-union men. They told of serious boycotts, brutal attacks by crowds of men, women and boys, and an attempt to burn the house of a non-union man. The lawyers for the miners objected frequently to the admission of testimony on hearsay and sometimes objected because of irrelevancy of certain other statements. Chairman Gray said the commission was not bound by any strict rules of evidence, but asked counsel to confine themselves in examining witnesses as near as possible to direct evidence. He said it was too difficult trying to prove that boycotts existed to get information on the subject. The commission, he said, wanted to know whether a reign of terror existed in the anthracite region and it could not get that information if the strict rules of evidence were applied.

The lawyers for the non-union men said to-night they would continue calling witnesses to prove that a reign of terror existed during the strike.

The commission will adjourn about noon on Saturday and will reconvene in Philadelphia on January 5th.

Henry Fonde, general agent of the Southern Railway at Knoxville, Tenn., has been elected president of the Knoxville and Ohio railway by the board of directors. A. B. Andrews was elected first vice president and W. W. Finley second vice president.

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DEWEY'S FLEET DURING CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

Principal Fighting Ships Will Rendezvous at the Island of Trinidad Right Off the Coast of Venezuela

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 18.—The Navy Department contributed the most important development in the Venezuelan situation over night in the form of a cablegram from Admiral Dewey, announcing the proposed itinerary of the vessels of his fleet during the Christmas holidays. It is clearly seen that the plan provides for no undue concentration of ships along the Venezuelan coast and so prudently and advisedly have its details been drawn up that Secretary Moody to-day cabled to the admiral the department's approval of his orders. This will set at rest the rumors that the United States contemplates complicating the Venezuelan situation by dispatching a large naval force to La Guaira as an offset to the allied fleet.

Admiral Dewey's cablegram, dated San Juan, December 14th, follows:

"Proposed itinerary of vessels for Christmas holidays: Kearsarge, Alabama, Massachusetts, Iowa, Scorpion, to Trinidad; Illinois, Indiana, Hist, to St. Thomas; Texas to Pointe-a-Pitre; Chicago, Newark, Eagle, to Curacao; San Francisco, Albany, Wasp, to Mayaguez; the Cincinnati, Atlanta, Prairie, tugs and torpedo boats to San Juan; Olympia, Nashville and Machias to St. Kitts; Detroit to Antigua; Mayflower and Vixen to Porto Rican waters and vicinity, and the Dolphin to Antigua and vicinity."

In reply Secretary Moody sent the following cablegram: "Carry out proposed itinerary. Merry Christmas."

According to the proposed plans the principal fighting ships of Admiral Dewey's fleet will rendezvous at the island of Trinidad, right off the coast of Venezuela, and at St. Thomas, near Porto Rico. Rear Admiral Higginson, commanding the North Atlantic squadron, will have command of the battleship fleet at Trinidad on his flagship Kearsarge, and Rear Admiral Sumner, commanding the South Atlantic squadron, on his flagship Iowa, as second in command. The fleet at St. Thomas which includes two battleships, will be under the command of Rear Admiral Crowninshield, commanding the European squadron, on his flagship Illinois. The fleet of cruisers and smaller vessels which will anchor at St. Kitts will be in command of Rear Admiral Coghlan, commanding the Caribbean division, on his flagship Olympia. Although not so stated, it is expected that Admiral Dewey will keep the converted cruiser Mayflower as his flagship and will spend most of the ten days' holiday at San Juan. He is now at Culebra with the bulk of his immense fleet.

THE ALLIES' BLOCKADE AGAINST VENEZUELA.

To be Maintained Just as Though War Had Been Formally Declared—Will be Recognized by United States.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—As understood here, the blockade to be declared by the allies against Venezuela on Saturday is to be a "war blockade," as contrasted with the "peace blockade," which has been in operation since the trouble with Venezuela assumed an acute stage. Ordinarily a legal blockade is preceded by a declaration of war; but at times this formality is dispensed with and a blockade maintained just as though war had been formally declared. To all intents and purposes war has existed and such condition has been recognized by the governments of the allies. A formal declaration that a blockade has been established will be sent to all the powers and it will be recognized by the United States government. Following the practice in such case this government will maintain an attitude of neutrality towards the belligerents, which they practically become by the establishment of the war blockade, although whether a Presidential proclamation announcing our neutrality to the world will be issued has not yet been decided. The matter will come up for definite determination very soon. Our government is fully informed of the intention of the allies in the movements they are making in the operations against Venezuela.

KING EDWARD'S SPEECH TO PARLIAMENT.

A Recapitulation of Public Events, Including the Action Taken in Connection With Venezuela.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Parliament was prorogued this afternoon by royal commission. Only a score of members of the House of Commons were present to hear the King's speech, which was an unusually lengthy recapitulation of public events since January, including the action taken in connection with Venezuela, regarding which the speech said:

"I regret that the constant complaints which my government found it necessary to address to the government of Venezuela in regard to unjustifiable and arbitrary acts against British subjects and property during the last two years, have been persistently disregarded and that it has become necessary for my government, acting in concert with that of his imperial majesty the German Emperor, which also has serious causes for complaint against the republic, to insist on measures of redress."

The speech refers to the conclusion of the South African war and adds: "There seems to be every reason to hope that material prosperity greater than any the Transvaal and Orange river colonies have yet experienced may visit these regions, and that all sections of the population may live together in friendship for each other and loyalty to the crown."

NEW YORK BANKERS.

Speakers at the Annual Banquet at the Waldorf-Astoria.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—William Barret Ridgely, comptroller of the currency; President Woodrow Wilson, of Princeton University; Rev. Dr. Robert MacArthur, Major General Adna R. Chaffee and John S. Wise were the principal speakers at the annual banquet of the New York State Bankers' Association, given at the Waldorf-Astoria to-night. Five hundred members and guests of the association were present.

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EFFORTS TOWARDS A SETTLEMENT.

Believed That the Critical Phase of the Venezuelan Difficulty is Passed.

THE ARBITRATION QUESTION.

Effort to Induce United States Government to Act as Guarantor Will Not Succeed—A Mixed Commission May Take Charge.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—President Castro has clothed Minister Bowen with powers to effect a settlement with Great Britain, Germany and Italy. Mr. Bowen simply awaits the consent of the State Department to assume this task, assuming that the nations named are willing that he should undertake this work. It is believed that the critical phase of the Venezuelan difficulty is passed.

Whether the consent of the governments mentioned can be obtained will, it is believed here, depend entirely upon the sufficiency of any guarantees that can be given for the faithful discharge by President Castro of any obligations he may assume as the result of Mr. Bowen's efforts. The allies feel that they must be assured against the consequences of another revolution. The effort to induce the United States government to act as guarantor, it is safe to say, will not succeed, and it is beginning to appear that there is likely to be a mixed commission appointed to receive all Venezuelan customs, and setting apart a certain portion for the maintenance of the Venezuelan government, disburse the remainder among the powers until their obligations are met.

France Has Claims.

The government of France has now entered the field as an active party in interest in the Venezuelan trouble. The French government has through its ambassadors and charges and ministers served notice upon the governments of Great Britain and Germany and Italy, and by way of information has also told Secretary Hay, that any provision made for the settlement of the claims against Venezuela must recognize the pre-eminence of the French claims. The French government has assurances from the other governments that any arrangements made would provide for the security of the French interests in the Venezuelan customs.

President Castro's Views.

CARACAS, Dec. 18.—Early this morning the correspondent here of the Associated Press saw President Castro and questioned him regarding the report published in the United States that the Anglo-German ultimatum had been accepted by Venezuela. The President became furious with rage and said there was no truth in the report. He added: "The acceptance of an ultimatum cannot be coupled with arbitration. Besides, the Anglo German ultimatum is not properly speaking an ultimatum."

When asked if it was true that Venezuela was taking diplomatic steps to arrange for arbitration and that arrangements in this connection were well advanced, President Castro remarked: "The government of Venezuela does not propose to determine on any steps while the proposition for arbitration that the legation of the United States was charged to present to Great Britain and Germany remains unanswered."

Germany Wants Apology Also.

BERLIN, Dec. 18.—Aside from the financial claims mentioned in her ultimatum, Germany expects some form of apology from Venezuela for the diplomatic insults, which the Foreign Office says are more serious and more gross than those of which Great Britain complains. The Foreign Office officials point out that Premier Balfour's remark yesterday evening in the British House of Commons about Germany having other than financial claims must be understood as applying to diplomatic reparation for these insults and not to a material indemnity, like money or territory.

The Foreign Office is again calling attention to the suspicions in the United States lest Germany effect a landing in Venezuela. It says a refutation of such suspicions ought to be perceived in the slender forces at the disposition of Germany. There are scarcely three hundred men who could be spared from the squadron, not a sufficient number to take La Guaira, let alone form an expedition into the interior.

It is not settled whether the notification of the commencement of the blockade will be made public in Berlin and London simultaneously or take the form of a communication from the two commanders of the squadrons to the Venezuelan authorities. The publication will, apparently, be delayed a day or two.

The officials of the Foreign Office say that the reply to Venezuela's arbitration proposal has not yet been sent. The Foreign Office is still exchanging views on the subject with London. Although the Foreign Office does not give the least hint of the character of Germany's reply, it seems certain that arbitration will not be accepted, though the refusal may be accompanied by fresh suggestions.

No Answer to Arbitration Proposal.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—No answer has yet been sent or decided upon regarding Venezuela's arbitration proposition. The cabinet met this afternoon to discuss the matter, but possibly nothing will be arrived at to-day. The question of a guarantee for the fulfillment of the decisions arrived at remains the great difficulty in the government's view in the way of the acceptance of arbitration.

BERLIN, Dec. 18.—Commodore Scheder cabled to-day from Willemstad, Curacos, that the reports of German losses at the bombardment of Puerto Cabello were untrue. The Germans suffered no loss whatever.

Another telegram from Curacos says all the Venezuelan warships have been seized, with the exception of the Miranda, which fled up the Orinoco river.

The Venezuelan beacon lights, it is announced, are no longer reliable.

CARACAS, Dec. 18.—The French cruiser D'Assas is expected at La Guaira. Her commander has received orders not to do anything which might wound the susceptibilities of the Venezuelans.

The Blockade.

CARACAS, Dec. 18.—It has been learned from an official source that the allies to-day will notify the Venezuelan authorities at LaGuaira of the blockade to become effective Saturday, Dec 20th, at 3 P. M., of the ports of LaGuaira, Puerto Cabello, Caro, Maracaibe, Carupano and Barcelona.

Great Britain's Strenuous Effort.

LONDON, Dec 18.—It is not apparent that anything definite has resulted from to day's cabinet meeting with regard to the transmission by the government of the United States of Venezuela's request for arbitration.

Charge d'Affaires White was in touch with the Foreign Office throughout the day. He transmitted a long dispatch to the State Department at Washington, but this communication is not believed to contain anything in the nature of a final decision. All negotiations are being conducted with extraordinary secrecy, but it is thought probable that Mr. White's dispatches to Washington have conveyed inquiries from the British Government with regard to Secretary Hay's views as to the possibility of Venezuela carrying out the awards of the arbitrators. The Associated Press is in a position to say that Great Britain is making strenuous efforts to induce the United States to guarantee Venezuela's compliance with the findings of arbitration.

FEELING IN GERMANY OVER VENEZUELA AFFAIR

The Government Extremely Sensitive Over Developments in the United States. Public Indifferent.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

BERLIN, Dec. 18.—A fact which impresses the foreign observer here is the quiet indifference of the newspapers and people toward the Venezuelan affair. Not a Berlin newspaper has a leading article on the subject to day, and the news published is largely an abstract of what the London and New York papers are saying. Germans seem to be astonished at the comment in Great Britain and the United States over what is regarded here as a mere episode. Few of the German newspapers have correspondents in New York, but those who are there telegraph that Germany is seemingly without a friend in the country and trace the cause to Germany's alleged attitude toward the United States during the Spanish-American war. But if public opinion has little concern as yet over Venezuela the Foreign Office here is extremely sensitive over the developments of public feeling abroad, especially in the United States. The reason for delay in doing anything that would change the situation, either by replying to Venezuela's proposition through Minister Bowen or by issuing blockade regulations, or taking any forward step, is because it is thought better to remain passive for a few days and see how far public feeling in America will go. Indications are not wanting that the German government is seeking an expedient to arrive at a solution of the difficulty without anything further happening to vex the people of the United States whose good will is considered to be more important than the humiliation of Venezuela. Still Germany must have her claims satisfied and the hopes of the hour among the Emperor's advisers are that President Castro will yield voluntarily in a few days if not pushed any further, that the commercial classes in Venezuela will compel a settlement, or that the United States will offer to guarantee that Venezuela pay up if she loses by arbitration. The German commander in Venezuelan waters has been instructed to use extreme caution and avoid acts of force till he receives further orders.

SAFE BLOWN OPEN

Nearly Eight Hundred Dollars Stolen From a Country Merchant.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 19.—A special from Aiken to the *State* says that on Tuesday night burglars blew open the safe of J. T. Shuler, at Montmorenci, Aiken county, and took nearly eight hundred dollars in cash, checks, stamps, etc. Mr. Shuler is the leading merchant, railroad agent and fruit grower of Montmorenci, and owing to sickness in his family had not been able to come to Aiken and deposit his funds. The burglars broke into a blacksmith shop and took a drill to work with, and used nitroglycerine as an explosive.

CAPTURED BY GERMANS.

Venezuelan Schooner Victoria Seized and Disabled Near Maracaibo.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LAGUAIRA, Dec. 18.—The German cruiser Falke, which has been anchored for the past two days at the entrance of Lake Maracaibo, to day captured the Venezuelan schooner Victoria. After cutting down her mainmast, thus disabling her, the Germans abandoned the vessel. This action has caused great indignation among the Venezuelans and excitement runs high at Maracaibo, where the people have been parading the streets uttering cries against Great Britain and Germany.

WARM WIRELETS.

Three officials, two soldiers and 150 natives, mostly children, were killed by the earthquake which destroyed the town of Andijan, Russian Central Asia, Tuesday.

A Port-au-Prince dispatch says that General Nord having been proclaimed president of Hayti by the army, took possession of the national palace yesterday morning.

A negro named Scott Bishop is reported to have been lynched near Marbury, Ala., twenty miles from Montgomery. Bishop, it is charged, murdered Wade Hicks, a white man.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

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Notice—The tug-boat LaChiquita having been sold by J. L. Russ to Peter Simpson, all persons having claims against said boat will present them to me within thirty days from the date of this notice. This the 18th day of December, 1902. Robert G. Grady. dec 19 30t

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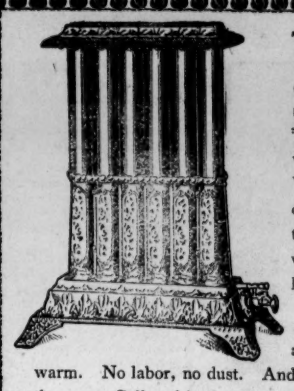

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